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VANCOUVER BALKS AT AIDING TRANSIENT UNEMPLOYED

Preparations To Open Legislature January 27

Long and Stormy Session of B.C. House Predicted

Hon. J. W. Jones, New Finance Minister, Already Under Fire for Financing Methods, Faces Difficult Task of Drafting Budget of Mounting Expenditures and Dropping Revenues; Watt Inquiry in Lime-light Again. Arterial Highway Policy Stirs Protest.

OCEAN PLANE SQUADRON IS TO FLY JAN. 5

Twelve Italian Machines Being Groomed at Bolama, West Africa

If They Reach Natal They Are Expected to Fly on to City of Rio de Janeiro

Dec. 26.—General Italo Balbo, in command of Italy's twelve transatlantic seaplanes, reported to Premier Mussolini by telegraph that his squadron, accompanied by its two supply planes, was to-day at Bolama, Portuguese West Africa, which places the fifteen machines and crews yesterday afternoon in position for flight and without accident. If all should go well, he said, the planes would head across the Atlantic for Brazil on the night of January 5.

Bolama, Portuguese Guinea, Dec. 26.—A fleet of fourteen Italian seaplanes reported on the return Atlantic here to-day, ready for a great adventure.

As soon as all preparations are made and weather conditions are right, twelve of the planes will strike out across the open ocean for Natal, Brazil, on the first transatlantic flight of such a large air squadron. From Natal they are scheduled to fly to Rio de Janeiro, and possibly to Buenos Aires.

Having added to the difficulties—the members of the delegation—by the arrival of the delegation—the members of the delegation adopted by Mr. Shelly and later by Mr. Jones are claimed to be in the main responsible.

The new minister has already come under the opposition fire with intimations there will be more of it. His recent \$4,000,000 bond issue was challenged by Mr. Patullo as piling up more obligations to the province, and although unemployment is conceded, he has not been able to dislodge the minister from the opposition's financial expert.

REVENUE DOWN

With the debt mounting, estimates higher and expenditures rapidly increasing since the Tolmie Government took office, and revenues and liquor profits below anticipations, it is admitted by Conservatives that Mr. Jones has come into one of the most difficult tasks that ever faced a British Columbian politician.

Extravagance on the part of the present administration is charged by the opposition as the reason for the financial troubles with which the government is trying to wrestle, and although unemployment is conceded, he has not been able to dislodge the minister from the opposition's financial expert.

PLUNGING UP OBLIGATIONS

The province is being loaded down with current refunding obligations, and notwithstanding the recent sale has another \$12,000,000 to refund next year, Mr. Patullo claims. Mr. Jones' budget, it is noted, will still leave open for expenditures those of Mr. Shelly which stirred such storms of protest. Several of the new taxes and

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NEEDY FARMS ARE OFFERED SEED GRAIN

Aid Plans of Federal Government to Be Announced Dec. 30 By Premier Bennett

Guarantees to Banks Expected to Avoid Distress Selling of Grain

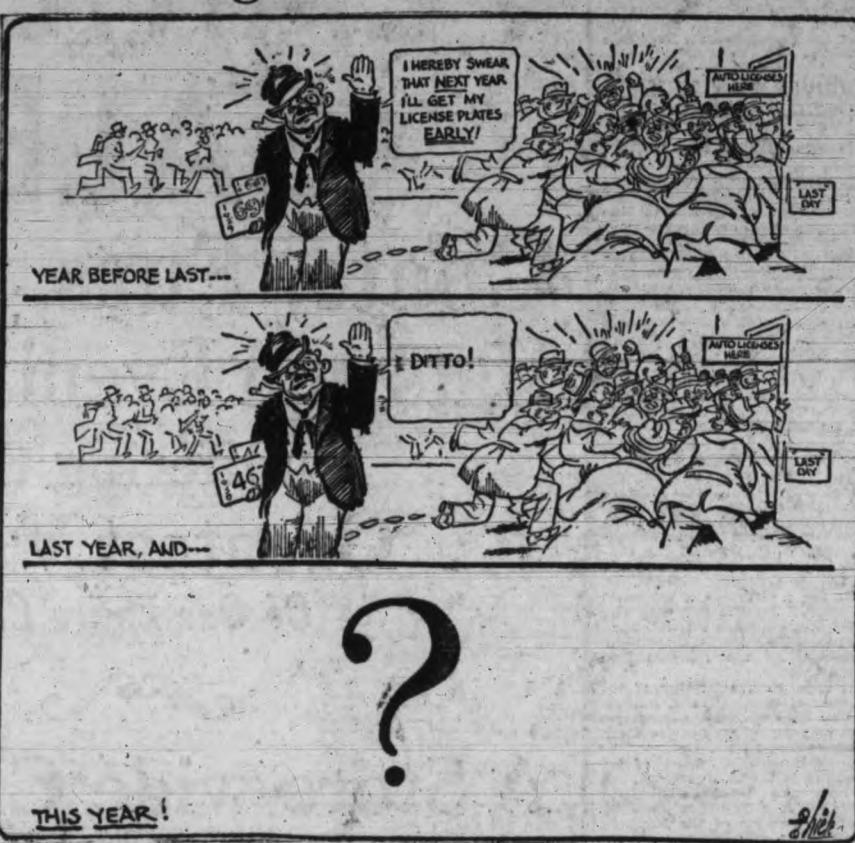
Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Four days hence in a speech in Regina Premier Bennett is to announce the Federal Government's plans to aid agriculture. Until the Prime Minister makes his statement, nothing official is being given out.

Officially it is reported those in straitened circumstances will be looked after in the matter of obtaining seed and in other ways. This will be in addition to protection for the banks in order to avoid any distress selling of grain.

NO GUARANTEE PRICE

The government will not establish a guaranteed price, which, it is considered, would tie up too much credit. A bonus is not looked on with favor. Either of these would help most the farmers with the most wheat to sell. Those most in need of help are those who in addition to suffering from low prices this year, had bad crops, some of them for several years back.

Something Auto Be Done About It!



SOCER GAMES Vancouver Man Member Of New C.N.R. Board

J. Fife Smith Represents This Province Among Fifteen Men, Making Up Body Announced at Ottawa To-day.

Close Scores Seen In English First and Second Division Matches

London, Eng., Dec. 26.—Football games in league competition in the British Isles to-day resulted as follows:

ENGLISH LEAGUE-FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal 3, Manchester 1.
Aston Villa 3, Chelsea 3.
Derby County 1, Blackburn Rovers 1.
Huddersfield Town 0, Newcastle United 3.

Leeds United 3, Birmingham 1.
Leicester City 1, Sunderland 1.
Liverpool 1, Grimsby Town 1.
Manchester United 1, Bolton Wanderers 1.

Middlesbrough 2, Sheffield Wednesday 0.

Portsmouth 2, West Ham United 0.
Sheffield United 8, Blackpool 1.

SECOND DIVISION

Bradford 6, Luton 0.
Bristol City 2, Fleetwood Town 1.
Charlton Athletic 3, Port Vale 1.
Plymouth Argyle 5, Cardiff City 1.
Preston North End 2, Bursley 0.
Reading 5, Nottingham Forest 2.
Southampton 0, Tottenham Hotspur 3.

Stoke City 1, Bradford City 1.
West Bromwich Albion 5, Barnsley 0.
Wolverhampton Wanderers 3, Oldham Athletic 0.

NORTHERN SECTION

Carlisle United 2, York City 0.
Hartlepool United 1, Nelson 1.

Lincoln City 1, Darlington 0.
New Brighton 2, Doncaster Rovers 1.
Rochdale 0, Southport 4.

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McManus Tells How He Draws "Bringing Up Father" Comics; New Steps For Dreamy Dances

The father of "Bringing Up Father," which appears in The Victoria Times daily and is known country-wide as the most popular of all comics, has written a full-page illustrated article on how he does it. It will be published as a feature of the Magazine Section of The Victoria Times to-morrow.

The new dance steps for waltzes and fox trots to meet the demands of the dreamy slow music that is most popular in ballrooms this winter, are now presented by the dancing masters. Arthur Murray, best known of all masters of the dance, has prepared a series of illustrated articles telling exactly how to do the new dances. The first of this series will appear in the Saturday Magazine Section of The Times to-morrow.

Other features of the Saturday Magazine Section include:

What Vancouver Island anticipates in development during 1931.

How the inventor of the rocket plane expects to build a craft for a three-hour crossing of the Atlantic.

Robert Connell writes two of his nature articles—one dealing with the land formation of the Gulf Islands and the other with the great equatorial kettle and the "Black Stream of Japan."

Louis Arthur Cunningham's short story, "Dicker Slade Comes Home."

What the snappy New Year party gowns will look like and the latest from Paris on the fur-trimming of smart coats.

The regular weekly illustrated page for the children.

Week-end specials from across the Atlantic.

And the four-page colored comic section.

SYDNEY PICKLES WILL SUPERVISE MACHINE REPAIR

Local Air Engineer Leaves For Medford, Ore., to Aid Mrs. Victor Bruce

Sydney Pickles, local air engineer, left for Seattle to-day to aid in the repairs to the airplane of Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce, British aviator, who cracked up at Medford, Oregon, recently.

Mr. Pickles was at one time chief test pilot for the Blackburn Company, manufacturers of Mrs. Bruce's plane, and when the flier was here he superintended repairs to her machine.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 26.—Hon. Mrs. Bruce, British aviator, arrived here to-day as a passenger aboard a P.A.T. plane, en route to Seattle.

She will visit the Boeing factory there and make arrangements for a new wing part, to replace the damage done Monday at Medford, Oregon, when her ship ground looped as she landed.

Mrs. Bruce is on a round-the-world tour and has traveled 13,500 miles by air and 5,000 miles by ship since leaving London September 5. She landed on this continent at Victoria, B.C., where she had voyaged aboard the liner Empress of Japan from Japan.

BODIES OF TWO FLIERS FOUND IN FOREST

Plane Wrecked in October, 1929, Found North of Lake St. John, Quebec Province

Bodies of Pilot W. H. Cannon and Mechanic L. Lizotte to Be Brought Out

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Pilot W. H. Cannon and Mechanic Léonide Lizotte were found yesterday in a crash in a forest in the Chibougamau region of Quebec in October, 1929, and the bodies have rested in the wreck of the plane until now. This information was brought to Indians to Roberval, Que., yesterday and wired here. To-day plans were being made to have a plane fly to the northland to bring out the bodies.

The discovery of the plane and bodies by the Indians brought to a close a mystery which began when Cannon and Lizotte left St. Foy, October 9, 1929, with prospectors' supplies for Chibougamau. A snow-storm took off their plane and they crashed to their death near a little lake. It was not known until yesterday what had happened to the men.

Indians flew over the district north of Roberval to find them and one plane, belonging to the Royal Canadian Air Force, made a forced landing far from civilization, but its occupants, Flying Officer John Bonard and Mechanic J. A. Fortey, reached safety eventually.

While word reached Roberval only yesterday, the discovery was made October 10, when the fliers were seen by the Indians working under the direction of Pierre Begin of Pointe Bleue were trapping and hunting and by chance ran across the plane.

KIN HUBBARD DIES

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 26.—Kin Hubbard, humorist and creator of the character "Abe Martin" died suddenly early to-day. Death was attributed to heart disease.

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After the third shift had passed through the stern, the rum ship stopped. The crew of nine was taken aboard the patrol boat under arrest.

When boatswain Alexander C. Conwell of the crew of the patrol boat hailed the schooner with a Christmas greeting, the craft is said to have swung around and headed straight for the Bay, disregarding the signals to halt.

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**GORRIE GETS
PRISON TERM
OF 18 MONTHS**

Nanaimo, Dec. 26.—Joseph Gorrie,
with several aliases, was sentenced to
eighteen months' hard labor by Magis-
trate Fouts for passing bogus cheques
on local tradesmen.

O.C. Football

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Transmire Rovers 4, Rotherham
United 2.
Wigan Borough 3, Accrington Stan-
ley 2.
Wrexham 2, Chesterfield 1.
Southern Section
Bournemouth and Boscombe 2, Cov-
er City 0.
Brighouse and Hove Albion 4, Bris-
tol Rovers 0.
Clapton Orient 2, Norwich City 0.
Crystal Palace 5, Brentford 1.
Exeter City 3, Newport County 0.
Fulham 6, Swindon Town 1.
Nottingham Town 4, South
End United 0.
Notts County 2, Queen's Park Rangers 0.
Thames 2, Gillingham 2.
Torquay United 1, Luton Town 1.
Watford 2, Walsall 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE
Barry 5, Leigh 5.
Barry-Dewsbury postponed.
Bradley-Bradford Northern, post-
poned.
Bradford Rangers 11, Swinton 13.
Farnworth Rovers-Hull, postponed.
Halton 5, Huddersfield 4.
Hull Kingston-Rovers York, post-
poned.
Hunslet 10, Castleford 9.
Keighley-Salford, postponed.
Rochdale Hornets 0, Warrington 7.
St. Helen's 3, Wigan 28.
Wakefield Town 10, Leeds 6.
Widnes 0, St. Helen's Rec. 5.
Wigan Highfield 5, Oldham 5.

RUGBY UNION
Blackheath 17, Racing Club de
France 5.
Bath 5, Old Blues 3.
Bedford 14, Old Paulines 0.
Bristol 6, Pontypool 6.
Bridgend 0, Maesteg 0.
Cardiff 12, London Irish 3.
Gloucester 5, Old Merchant Taylors
13.

**GOLD NUGGETS
OF SLAIN BANDIT
FOUND BY BOYS**

Hollister, Mo., Dec. 26.—School boys
near here have been playing marbles
with gold nuggets. Authorities believe
the nuggets were found near the home
of John Magie, western bandit, who
was shot to death at Bradenton, Fla.,
two months ago. The boys failed to
divulge the location of their cache.
Clyde Chapman, a railroad station
agent here, said his son was one of
those who had found nuggets. A test
proved the nuggets were killed by
officers there was much speculation
here as to a cache in which it was believed
he had hidden loot taken in a
number of robberies.

It is said there was as much
as a double hundred of the nuggets in
possession of the boys.

**LONG AND STORMY
SESSION OF B.C.
HOUSE PREDICTED**

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license fees and increases in license
fees which were quickly passed in the
mass of business before the last session
adjusted to the new financial situation
effect with the usual objections stirred
up. Many questions have been put
on the fuel oil tax which was ap-
proved by the Legislature and hailed
with favor, especially by members from
coal mining constituencies, as a step
toward a policy of helping an impor-
tant industry. The introduction of the
fuel oil tax has never, however, been
put into effect and beyond the naming of
one more to add to the long list of
commissions the Minister of Mines has
made no announcement of steps to
increase British Columbia coal output,
which shows a continued drop
in production.

ARTICLES UNDER FIRE

Another new member of the Cabinet
since the last House sat Hon. R. W.
Bruhn, will be forced to bear the brunt
of the criticism which is expected
on the arterials highway policy initiated
by Hon. N. S. Lougheed, who has
since been transferred to the Lands
Department. Already the policy has
been put into effect and a few days ago
motor transportation men of the
north end of Vancouver Island sent a
delegation to interview the Cabinet to
demand that no exclusive franchises
for carrying freight be given on roads

V. Tereshchenko, vice-president of the
American-Slavic Colonization Trust
Inc., has arrived in Mexico seeking
admission of the Mexican Government
for entry of miners. The group he
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at the next session of Parliament, to
bring down legislation to permit of
complete representation being afforded
all provinces.

**SPANISH REBEL
LEADERS SEEKING
BELGIAN REFUGE**

Lisbon, Portugal, Dec. 26.—Major
Ramón Franco and other fugitive
Spanish aviators have decided to sail
for Antwerp as soon as they receive
remittances from their families in
Spain.

Major Franco and his comrades fled
to Portugal after participating in the
recent abortive revolution at Madrid.

FOUR MOTORISTS INJURED

Cloverdale, Dec. 26.—Four persons
were injured when an automobile in
which they were riding overturned on
the Pacific Highway near Cloverdale
Tuesday. Those injured are Mr. and
Mrs. Peter Gregory and their daughter,
Mrs. N. Jackos. They were removed to
the Vancouver General Hospital,
All are of Vancouver.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Appeal for re-
newal of the spirit which led to so
much church progress in recent years
was made here by Most Rev. Dr. P.
Matheson as he preached his last
Christmas sermon as Archbishop of
Rupertland. It was to Christianity,
but to what Canada owed "all the
blessings this great nation enjoyed."

Dr. Matheson, who some months ago
tendered his resignation as Anglican
Primate of All Canada, will terminate
the Rupertland episcopacy on Jan-
uary 31 next.

Ministers were inconstant in demanding
to know what proportion the city was
spending on relief employment and
direct relief. The challenged Mayor
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**ALBERTA TOWN
IS QUARANTINED
FOR SMALLPOX**

Calgary, Dec. 26.—The town of
Barons has been closed by the Depart-
ment of Health owing to an outbreak
of smallpox. Ten cases have developed
in the last few days, and the order
bars anyone from entering or leaving

Schools and churches have been
closed and public gatherings banned.

Due to many contacts with those
affected, many vaccinations are being
made.

**REFORMATORY
CHILDREN FREE
FOR NEW YEAR**

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Using the dis-
cretionary powers granted him, Judge
Lamiré, who is in charge of adminis-
tration of the reformatory, has released
forty boys and girls who were
undergoing detention in various re-
formatories. The children thus are
spending the Christmas-New Year sea-
son at home.

**VANCOUVER MAN MEMBER
OF NEW C.N.R. BOARD**

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George Henderson, president and gen-
eral manager of Brandram-Henderson
Limited; president of the Alberta Lin-
seed Oil Company Limited; president
of the Pacific White Lead Company
and director of the Canadian Publishing
Company Limited, Halifax, publica-
tions of the Dalhousie Review, Montreal.

J. Edouard Labelle, K.C., administrator
of the corporation of the Seminary of
St. Sulpice, Montreal.

Lucien Moraud, K.C., head of
the legal firm of Moraud, Alleyn and
Grenier, a member of the Board of Ex-
aminers of Quebec, and lecturer
of the law faculty of Laval Uni-
versity, Quebec City.

F. K. Morrow, a director of the Bank
of Toronto, Christie Brown and Com-
pany, N. K. Fairbanks Limited, the
Gold Dust Corporation, Hiram Walker's
Limited, the American Linseed Com-
pany, the Trust and Guarantee Com-
pany, the Canadian Bank of Commerce
and the Royal Bank of Canada.

W. A. Roys, K.C., a bencher of the
Law Society of Upper Canada, a director
of the Sterling Trust Corporation and
past president of the Ontario Municipal
Association, Barrie, Ont.

E. R. Riordan, K.C., head of the
legal firm of Riordan, Sweetman, Riley
and Riley and Waterhouse, managing
partner of the Northern Building
Company, a director of the Manitoba
Paper Company and solicitor for the
Royal Bank of Canada.

REPRESENTS B.C.

J. Fife Smith, president of the J.
Fife Smith Company Limited, import-
ers of hardwood; a director of the
Pacific Coast Terminals, and a park
commissioner of Vancouver, B.C.

The members of the previous board
whose resignations were accepted in-
clude:

B. A. C. Henry, Montreal.
Ernest R. Decay, Montreal.
Colonel O. E. Talbot, Quebec.
D. J. McDougald, Toronto.
James Gill Gardner, Brookville, Ont.
Stuart Cayide, Montreal.
Edward Brown, Winnipeg.
Nelson Hartnett, Charlottetown,
P.E.I.

TWO PROVINCES UNREPRESENTED

To the press, Dr. Marion explained
the new board as announced, included
the full total of fifteen members per-
mitted by the Canadian National Rail-
ways Act. In view of this limitation it
had not been possible at this time to
have representation in at least two
provinces, he said. In the board re-
placed a number of provinces which were
unrepresented. He stated, however,
that it was the intention of the government
at the next session of Parliament, to
bring down legislation to permit of
complete representation being afforded
all provinces.

**RUSSIANS SEEK
HOMES IN DRY
MEXICO AREA**

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—A group of
Russians is seeking permission from
the Mexican Government to colonize
great, semi-arid tracts in north-
Mexico, which they say remind
them in climate and topography of
their homeland in Asia. Tereshchenko,

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remittances from their families in
Spain.

Major Franco and his comrades fled
to Portugal after participating in the
recent abortive revolution at Madrid.

FOUR MOTORISTS INJURED

Cloverdale, Dec. 26.—Four persons
were injured when an automobile in
which they were riding overturned on
the Pacific Highway near Cloverdale
Tuesday. Those injured are Mr. and
Mrs. Peter Gregory and their daughter,
Mrs. N. Jackos. They were removed to
the Vancouver General Hospital,
All are of Vancouver.

ARTICLES UNDER FIRE

Another new member of the Cabinet
since the last House sat Hon. R. W.
Bruhn, will be forced to bear the brunt
of the criticism which is expected
on the arterials highway policy initiated
by Hon. N. S. Lougheed, who has
since been transferred to the Lands
Department. Already the policy has
been put into effect and a few days ago
motor transportation men of the
north end of Vancouver Island sent a
delegation to interview the Cabinet to
demand that no exclusive franchises
for carrying freight be given on roads

V. Tereshchenko, vice-president of the
American-Slavic Colonization Trust
Inc., has arrived in Mexico seeking
admission of the Mexican Government
for entry of miners. The group he
represents which he claims is
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BRANTFORD, ONT., SCENE OF FIRE

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 26.—Fire, breaking out in a confectionary store here yesterday evening, caused damage estimate at nearly \$150,000. It was brought under control by the local fire department, which sent out one pumper and twelve men from the Hamilton department, who made a fast trip over icy highways. Before the blaze was brought under control, it had completely gutted the Artemis sweets store, in which it originated, and the Metropolitan Store adjoining.

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Many holdups and kidnappers of stolen property and bandits of all sorts have received the lash here recently, in addition to stiff jail sentences.

Twenty-two killed

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—Twenty-two Dixie families yesterday had replaced their wreaths of Christmas blossoms with crosses. Automobiles took a toll of nineteen Christmas Eve and yesterday. Fire was responsible for one death and an accidental discharge of a shotgun for the other two fatalities.

Prime Minister
Spent Christmas
In New Brunswick

Sackville, N.B., Dec. 26.—Rt. Hon. E. Bennett, Premier of Canada, and his sister, Miss Mildred Bennett, spent Christmas Day here at the home of their brother, Donald V. Bennett, and Mrs. Bennett. The day was quietly observed at the home. The Premier left last evening by train for Ottawa.

LIGGETT BOARD
CHAIRMAN DIES

New York, Dec. 26.—Caleb Conley Dulay, sixty-four, chairman of the board of the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company, died yesterday at his home of pneumonia. He had been ill several months. A funeral service will be held at the home Saturday.

Woman Killed By
Fall From Window

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Two accidental deaths marred Christmas festivities in Winnipeg. Grace Tyler, thirty-nine, suffered fatal injuries when she fell from a fourth-floor hotel window.

Ludwig Gruber, forty-two, was killed when struck by a motor car in the north end of the city. The car was said by police to have been traveling at a moderate speed.

Mystery surrounds the death of Miss Tyler, a maid working in the hotel.

FOUR DIED IN MOTOR VAN

New York, Dec. 26.—Entombed four days in what is advertised as the largest motor van in the world, the bodies of four negroes who apparently died from exposure were found in a parking place here yesterday evening. Reconstructing the tragedy, police said the men shut themselves in the truck to sleep after a trip from Philadelphia last Sunday and lighted three oil lamps. These exhausted the oxygen of the interior, they said, and killed the men in their sleep.

FIVE LOSE LIVES

Boston, Dec. 26.—Few accidents to upset Christmas holiday happenings in New England were reported. Four children died in Massachusetts on the eve of the happiest day of the year for every youngster and an automobile driver was fatally injured in Maine yesterday. In New Bedford, Justina Solomon, five, her little sisters, Mary, one, and Mildred, four months, were burned to death in their home while their unemployed father and mother were out searching for money on which to have Christmas cheer.

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Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Known throughout the grain trade of this continent, J. C. (Chas.) Gage, died suddenly yesterday evening. The fifty-four-year-old man was president of the Alberta Pacific Grain Co. Limited, and the Federal Grain Co. Limited, the two largest independent elevator companies in Canada. He was also president of Gage, Evans and Spencer, grain and stock brokers.

Mr. Gage had rallied several times from a critical condition which developed from complications after an operation for appendicitis. Yesterday however, he lapsed again and failed to rally.

Twenty-seven years ago Mr. Gage came to Winnipeg from Minneapolis, Minn., where he was born. For twenty-six years he was a member of the council of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange and during the Great War became prominent as one of the special committee of five named to investigate the war-time grain marketing problem.

Ranking as probably the most outstanding grain trade man in Canada, Mr. Gage recently was instrumental in averting an unwanted situation when a number of large Canadian grain firms reached a crisis in their affairs due to the continued slump in grain values.

He is survived by a widow, four sons and one daughter.

LASH IS URGED FOR CRIMINALS

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Five of the six judges of the court of sessions, Montreal, have expressed their views in favor of administering the lash in cases where crimes of violence have been committed, in reply to a newspaper query. The sixth judge, Hon. Victor Cusson, could not be reached, but it is understood he maintains the lash is inhuman and a relic of the days of barbarism.

Justice Gustave Perrault and Justice Amédée Monet, F. T. Enright, Gustave Marin and J. O. Lacroix all expressed the opinion that where a bandit displays brutality in the commission of crime he should be punished in like manner.

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SEE WINDOWS FOR BARGAINS

Christmas Liquor Supplied Detroiters

FARMER LOSES LIFE

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 26.—Tragedy swept away the Christmas joy in a small mountain home yesterday, when the father of four children, Robert H. Johnson, forty-four, seven, was found dead near Bellingham, was killed in a hunting accident. While his children played on the floor of their little home with the toys delivered yesterday morning by Santa Claus their father went into the woods seeking game for the family table. He slipped and fell and the gun he was carrying accidentally discharged the bullet, penetrating his jaw. He was dead when friends reached the scene.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 26.—Supplies of liquor for Christmas were common in Detroit and No matter where found it was found to be of the majority of brands, but some of the liquor is said to have been a bit higher in price.

Though there has been some tightening of the liquor barrier on both sides of the river, there have been supplies going through. Shipments have been getting across the border particularly in small boats.

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THE SUN'S CHRISTMAS SMILE

OLD KING SOL WAS IN FINE HUMOR yesterday as far as Victoria was concerned and his offering of bright, warm sunshine was a Christmas present for which everybody was grateful. First-time visitors from the east—accustomed to various degrees of frigidity on this day—could scarcely believe the evidence of their senses, and those who have been sceptical over reports of flowers blooming in Victoria gardens on Christmas Day had their scepticism definitely and finally removed.

Golf all the year round for long has been the proud boast in this city's advertising literature. It is also used in other literature for which Victoria does not have to pay. The transportation companies, even radio announcers on both sides of the international boundary, are giving widespread publicity to this important feature of "winter" in this locality. Long before noon yesterday all the local courses were well patronized; devotees of the game were wearing summer garments. The Christmas swim took place in the Inner Harbor as a matter of course. But it did not finish with the usual race yesterday. Several members of the merry party dived in afterwards and swam around for a while just for the sheer enjoyment of the exercise. Other sports were played in the utmost comfort, while youngsters experimented with their Christmas toys in the open air.

This is not the orthodox weather traditionally associated with Christmas in many countries of the temperate zone. We have no mantle of snow over the landscape and we do not hear the merry ringing of the sleigh bells; Santa Claus uses a motor car. But we have so many compensating advantages that we can get along nicely without the snow, the sleigh bells and arctic temperatures. We can engage ourself in activities in the fresh air which are withheld from Canada generally until May or, in some places, June. If we eat too much, we can walk it off without having our ears or noses frozen, while those who for various reasons are not as steady on their feet as usual need have no fear of sliding or tumbling on the pavement and fracturing their bones. There no doubt are a few lusty young 'uns who yearned for the snow, the sleigh bells and ice skating, but we think we are quite safe in assuming that the majority of our people were altogether satisfied with the brand of weather Nature presented to us yesterday.

THE WORLD'S RICHEST MAN

SOME TIME AGO A CORRESPONDENT of one of the well-known international news-gathering organizations set himself the job of finding out who really is the world's richest man. The result was a surprise. Neither Ford nor Rockefeller is entitled to the distinction; it belongs to the relatively obscure Indian prince whose name is the Nizam of Hyderabad. This gentleman is worth at least one billion dollars and he has got the greater part of it where he can see and touch it. Fully half of it consists of gold coins, golden bars, golden ornaments, heaped up in the princely coffers. The rest of it is made up of diamonds, emeralds, gem-studded bracelets and coronets, pearl necklaces, and so on. For the most part no doubt this huge fortune is wasting its glitter on the darkness of an impenetrable treasure house appropriately guarded by faithful retainers.

After all, of course, there were billionaires before Ford and Rockefeller and it is perhaps fitting that the title of richest man as measured by material wealth should go to an Indian prince who lives up to tradition and keeps his fortune handy in hard cash. From the dawn of history, incidentally, India has been the fabulously land of unbelievable wealth. Alexander discovered it, and his rough Macedonian infantry men, clanking through rich Indian cities with their long spears slanting over their shoulders, blinked at the astounding richness of the palaces they had seized, and doubtless told tall tales about them to their children when they got home. The Mediterranean peoples knew it throughout the middle ages. Starved Europe dreamed incessantly of the storied cities of gold and diamonds beyond Arabia. The Arabs broke through to loot; others came after them, gaping in disbelief at the wealth that lay ready for their grasp, seizing enough to make themselves uncomfortably rich yet assuring the people at home that there was as much there that they were amazed at their own moderation.

Naturally, the prince of India has figured in literature. An eminent author took him up and cast the Wandering Jew in the role of Indian nabob, piling up his riches for uncounted generations. Kipling took up the theme, and drew an unforgettable picture of the buried treasure house beneath the abandoned city, with the white cobra sleeping among the forgotten chests of gems and sacks of gold dust, ready to deal out the vengeance of a dead rajah on any intruder. Economists have worried about it, fearing that all of the precious metal in the world will eventually drain off into India and vanish, locked securely in the strong boxes of a thousand-turbanned princes.

Most of us may console ourselves, however, with the fact that our earthly treasure needs little guarding; and perhaps we sleep more soundly than the forty-four-year-old Nizam of Hyderabad.

CANADA'S TRADE WITH EGYPT

THIS MONTH HAS BEEN MARKED IN Canadian foreign trade development by the opening of an office in Cairo, Egypt, with the object of developing our business with the near east—the arrangements for which, of course, were made several months ago. In addition to Egypt and the Sudan, the territories to which special attention will be devoted by the new trade commissioner are Palestine, Cyprus, Syria, Iraq and Persia. These countries are mainly agricultural and backward industrially owing, among other reasons, to the non-existence of coal in these regions. They support,

however, a large and rapidly increasing population whose standard of living is rising steadily though slowly. The population of the region is at present about 27,267,000. Their total imports are in the neighborhood of \$553,000,000 and their exports about \$497,000,000. They import certain kinds of foodstuffs, clothing, automobiles and other requisites of modern life. They pay for these imports by exports of agricultural and raw products.

Canada is already carrying on a moderate trade with these countries and sells to them, on the whole, more than they purchase from them. The country with which Canada does most trade among the group is Egypt. In the last fiscal year Canada imported from Egypt goods valued at \$155,852 and exported Canadian products worth \$1,028,500. Canadian imports from the British Sudan were valued at a little over \$3,000, while Canadian exports to that territory were \$95,093. In the case of Palestine, Canadian exports were \$98,934 and imports about one-quarter of that value. From Syria, Canada bought less than \$20,000 but sent products worth \$242,184. Canada imported goods from Iraq to the value of a little under \$30,000 and exported Canadian goods worth \$79,130. Persia is the only one in regard to which Canadian imports exceed exports. Persian goods come into Canada to the value of \$246,950, while Canadian exports to that market are valued at \$148,928.

Mr. Yves Lamontagne, the new Canadian Trade Commissioner, who has gone to Egypt, recently prepared a report on his territory for the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce. In this he analyzed particularly the trade of Egypt, the Sudan, Palestine, Cyprus and Syria, and pointed out extensive markets awaiting development by Canadian manufacturers and merchants. Among the articles which these countries offer, Mr. Lamontagne mentioned particularly cotton, raw silk, fruit and nuts, olive oil, oranges, hides, gums and resins. Egypt is the chief source of cotton, and this branch of agriculture is undergoing intensive development in the Sudan. Among Canadian products for which there is a market in these territories are apples, cheese, preserved milk, fish, wheat and flour, agricultural implements, automobiles, newsprint and rubber goods. At the present time Egypt is drawing wheat and wheat flour largely from Australia, India, the United States and Italy; agricultural implements from the United States and the United Kingdom, and automobiles from the United States, Italy and France. Fish already goes to Egypt from Canada, the other chief sources being Portugal and France. Newsprint and other paper products are supplied to the near east largely by France, Germany, the United Kingdom and other European countries.

Canadian imports from Egypt at present, strangely enough, include onions, while Canadian exports to that market are mainly wheat flour, automobiles and railway ties. From Persia Canada buys dates and oriental carpets, while exports from Canada to Persia are almost entirely automobiles. From Palestine, Canadian imports are chiefly brandy, wines and oriental carpets, while Canadian exports to Palestine consist for the most part of wheat flour, automobiles and automobile tires. From Iraq imports are almost entirely dates, other fruit and coffee, and again automobiles and automobile tires constitute the greater part of Canada's exports to the Mesopotamian market. A direct steamship line was recently inaugurated between Canada and eastern Mediterranean ports and a considerable development of trade is expected to follow. A further circumstance which is expected to contribute to the success of the Canadian demand for trade in the near east is the opening in Montreal some time ago of a branch of Barclays Bank, this bank, of which the head office is in London, England, also has offices in Egypt, the Sudan and Palestine, and will provide direct facilities for Canadian traders.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

UNITED RELIEF ACTION

The Ottawa Citizen

A most timely step toward united relief in Ottawa has been set in motion by the Council of Social Agencies. A special committee has been appointed on unemployment and emergency relief. The various social welfare agencies in the city are to be interviewed to see how much progress can be made toward closer co-operation.

When relief work is carried on separately by various organizations, overlapping is bound to occur. The doling out of food, clothing, fuel assistance in double measure to some destitute people would be of minor consequence. But it is serious when sensitive people, hesitating to apply for relief, are left to starve.

It is greatly to be desired that the welfare agencies should come together for co-operative action to meet this winter's situation. Even when they do, there will still be any amount of opportunity for Samaritan aid in individual cases. The intelligent way to meet the more general demand for relief measures, however, is by united action. The Ottawa Council of Social Agencies is the best medium for bringing about this co-operation.

Twenty-five Years Ago To-day

The Victoria Daily Times, December 26, 1905

Christmas, 1905, is a thing of the past, but it will long remain a pleasant memory in the minds of most Victorians, especially the juveniles, to whom the innocent Santa Claus illusion is still a joyous reality.

Princess Royal Island, according to reports brought here by the steamer Tees, has experienced a volcanic disturbance. There was on December 2, an immense landslide on the shores of Surf Inlet Lake, the side of Mount Peno falling into the lake and raising the lake level permanently.

The great Modjeska will again visit Victoria before very long. There is little doubt that the approaching appearance of one of the brightest stars in the dramatic firmament will be the last in this city, for the sands of her professional life are fast running out.

The Songhees reservation question, which has been sleeping peacefully for some time, is again on the road to publicity. Alderman Hanna intends to bring it before the City Council this evening, a resolution of which he has given notice.

The employees of the B.C. Electric Railway Company engaged on the Esquimalt line, were on Saturday thoughtfully remembered by Bullen Bros. of the Esquimalt Marine Railway. As a Christmas present two boxes of cigars were donated to conductors and motormen on that particular run by the firm.

The men of the sealing schooners sailing out of this port associate reading matter when on a cruise. The Y.M.C.A. contemplates furnishing each of the schooners with a small library.

Loose Ends

Christmas is over—leaving behind a trail of cold turkey—and profound melancholy in this column.

By H. B. W.

WELL, CHRISTMAS is over and the adult world from one end to the other is secretly glad that it is. Christmas is over, but it will be several days before the world gets properly down to business again. This is the sacred cold turkey week of the year, when the normal man just goes through the motions of work and follows who writes columns for the newspapers feel very sorry for themselves. Until January 2 the newspapers will about the only business organizations which will produce at a normal rate and the world's productive capacity will be reduced enormously. A few years ago this would have been regarded as a serious economic loss, but under the new dispensation, when there is too much of everything, including poverty, anything which will help to absorb the surplus is to be welcomed.

You may loaf, therefore, from now until the second of January with a clear conscience, knowing that every productive hour you waste is contributing to the prosperity of everyone. And if everybody is feeling as productive as I do, prosperity should be restored without difficulty before spring.

I KNOW, of course, what the much-abused reader of this column are expecting. They are expecting me to say that this desolate day with a capital of what finally happened at Christmas to the little girl next door, after all the painful preparations already chronicled here. This expectation is quite wrong. Having promised that what I would say of Christmas Eve next door would be positively the last chapter in that grim story, I propose to stick to it. I will not tell you what happened next day, the little girl said when she saw her Christmas tree loaded down with presents or how, as the day wore on, she flung everything else aside (including the cups and saucers which she had been demanding for weeks), and several magnificent dolls (and clinging to a little wooden cart and a woolly white lamb which she had had for months). I will not tell you of the grief of her uncles who spent the last two weeks looking for the other presents, nor how the little girl finally concluded her Christmas celebrations by retiring to bed with the wooden cart, the woolly lamb and a large turkey bone, gnawed clean and shiny.

THE PUBLIC, I know, is tired of Christmas—doesn't want to hear about it again for another year. It is if I mistake it not, in a cold turkey state of mind. Let us turn away from the joys of Christmas, then, and contemplate something unpleasant. Something decidedly unpleasant has occurred down in Cleveland, where, according to the newspapers, scientists have managed to create life in a test tube—a ghastly unnamed microscopical creature which has the power of locomotion and reproduction. This has caused great joy to science, but any normal man will contemplate the phenomenon, I fancy, with something like nausea. Particularly in this cold turkey season when all digestive systems are overtaxed.

IT IS not so much the newly-created thing itself, however, as the implications of its creation that are important and that in all the excitement, seem to be generally overlooked. If science, as reported, has managed to create life more or less by accident, through the combination of certain substances in a test tube, there won't be much argument left on the side of the angels. For if such an accident has happened in a test tube in Cleveland, who can deny that just such an accident probably created life in the first place. Just as the evolutionists have always claimed. And if we are just an accident, merely an interesting and useless phenomenon in a barren, lifeless universe all around us, we are hardly worth worrying about at all, particularly in cold turkey week. If scientists in Cleveland can make life to order and apparently imbue it with enough intelligence to move around and reproduce itself, what becomes of the divine spark which we had always imagined reposed somewhere inside us?

The girls were left without sufficient funds when their stepfather, Dr. R. L. Magoun, former Chicago dentist, killed their mother and ended his own life in Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, December 13.

A telegram from Secretary of State H. L. Stimson to-day told John O. Tilford, San Francisco, of the plight of the children. Stimson suggested Tilford cable \$1,000 for transportation.

Dr. Tilford commented neither on the two girls nor on the stepfather. He knew the girl's name was \$1,000. He tried Wednesday night to get in touch with Dr. Magoun's sister, Mrs. Magoun Dewey of Tacoma, Wash., and Tilford wondered whether it was not the duty of the government to see that the girls are made available for them. The girls are at the American consulate at Johannesburg.

The Magouns had been married but a month.

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of human life by making new additions to it. And if the test tubes lose, then, perhaps, we can set to work with some hope of accomplishment. Which, for cold turkey day, is pretty deep and heavy stuff.



Daily Bulletin
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Department

Colder

Victoria, 5 a.m. Dec. 26.—The barometer remains high on the Coast and fine weather has continued over the entire province. Fine weather with moderate temperatures continue in the prairies.

Temperatures

Victoria—Barometer, 30.40; temperature, minimum yesterday 48, maximum 55; wind, 4 miles N. clear.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, minimum yesterday 42, maximum 56; calm.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, minimum yesterday 36, maximum 42; calm.

Prince George—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday 38, minimum 34; 8 miles S. clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, maximum yesterday 44, minimum 42; wind, 10 miles N.E. rather strong.

Port Alberni—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday 46, minimum 36; 4 miles N. clear.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, maximum yesterday 50, minimum 40; wind, 4 miles E. clear.

Port McNeill—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, maximum yesterday 28, minimum 34; 2 miles N. clear.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, maximum yesterday 44, minimum 30; wind, 4 miles N.E. foggy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday 50, minimum 32; 1 mile N. clear.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, maximum yesterday 46, minimum 35; 4 miles N. clear.

Victoria and vicinity for 36 hours ending 9 p.m. Saturday—Cloudy to moderate winds, partly cloudy and colder at night.

Temperature

Victoria, 48, 35

Kamloops, 36, 22

Prince George, 38, 24

Vancouver, 40, 35

Port Alberni, 50, 40

Kamloops, 38, 24

Victoria, 42, 35

Vancouver, 44, 35

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Christmas Day had a special significance for a well-known pioneer family of Saanicheton yesterday, when Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McKenzie celebrated their golden wedding, which was solemnized in St. Stephen's Church, Mount Newton, on December 25, 1880. Mrs. McKenzie is the eldest daughter of the late William and Margaret Thomson of Banrockburn Farm, South Saanich, and was the first white girl born in Saanich. Mr. McKenzie, a native of Pictor County, Nova Scotia, came to British Columbia in 1873, and settled in Saanich in 1876, and their anniversary yesterday assumed the proportions of a community celebration, so well known are they in the district.

WEATHER CONTRASTS

The day was happily commenced for the aged couple by attendance at the morning service at St. Stephen's Mount Newton, the little church in which they were married fifty years ago, and in which Mrs. McKenzie was christened as Helen Thomson.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie were accompanied to church by the best man and bridesmaid of fifty years ago, Mr. Alexander and Mrs. L. T. Davis of Parksville. The brilliant sunshine and balmy air of yesterday contrasted favorably with the weather of Christmas Day, 1880, when the then bride and bridegroom walked through eighteen inches of snow to the church, and when on leaving after the ceremony, they were pealed with snowballs instead of the proverbial confetti.

"AT HOME" TO MANY

On their wedding day they held a reception all day at the home of the bride's parents, the guests staying the night, in accordance with the hospitable custom of the times, and then accompanying the newly-wed couple day to their new home at Prospect Lake, where the rifle range now stands.

Yesterday the venerable couple were "at home" all day to their friends on East Saanich Road. For the happy occasion the house was attractively decorated with a profusion of golden flowers, and when on leaving after the ceremony, they were pealed with snowballs instead of the proverbial confetti.

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MANY PRESENTATIONS

In addition to a host of congratulations and good wishes from friends near and far, Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie received many tangible tokens of goodwill. The Saanich Pioneers Association, of which they are esteemed workers, presented them with a handsome illuminated address of greeting and congratulations, together with a present of \$100. The Ruth Chapter Eastern Star sent a silver basket filled with golden flowers, and the South Saanich Women's Institute two gold pieces, Mrs. McKenzie being a member of both organizations. The Women's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's and St. Mary's churches also sent her a gold Royal Doulton vase filled with flowers.

From the Mount Newton and Quadra lodges, A.F. and A.M., of which he is a charter member, Mr. McKenzie received a beautiful illuminated address of congratulations. The Thompson family, with Mr. McKenzie as a member, and the aged couple, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Turner, the Uplands.

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PIONEERS PRESENT

Among the many old friends who attended in person to extend good wishes and hearty congratulations were survivors of five other pioneer families who have celebrated golden weddings within the last eight years—the Richardsons, the Kanes, the Walkers, the Thompsons, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grant, who celebrated their golden wedding recently and at whose wedding Mrs. McEachen was a guest, were present, also Mr. and Mrs. T. M. McEachen, wife of Mr. McEachen, of Victoria, died in her ninetieth year; Mr. J. Daly of Quidness Street, who is in his ninetieth year, was also present with his family.

Members of Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie's family who were in Victoria for Christmas were Mr. W. McEachen of Duncan; Mrs. R. E. Nimmo, Saanich; Mrs. D. Pitts, Vancouver; Miss Mildred McKenzie at home, and Mrs. Harold Kennedy of Sidney, also nine grand-children. Another daughter and son, Mr. A. J. Dorman of Kimberley, B.C., and Dr. and Mrs. Murray McKenzie of Ketchikan, Alaska, were unable to be present in person.

Drying Curtains

If you hang your curtains up into the rods when they are wet, they will dry quickly and evenly and you can press the hem out easily.

Baked Bananas

Baked bananas are excellent served with ham or pork chops. Peel, put into buttered dish, salt slightly and sprinkle butter and paprika over the top. They are sure to delight the children and have excellent food value.

Different Taste

To give variety to your cooking, accumulate a seasoning shelf. Almond, orange and other flavoring should be included and celery salt, various spices and some tasty salts.

Easy—
If you pour hot tea water over pecans before you start shelling them, you will find it much easier to get them out whole.

Society

The members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Guild held a tea last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Sansom, Linden Avenue, in compliment to Mrs. J. W. Elliott of Government Street, who celebrated on Sunday the fiftieth anniversary of her wedding day. Mrs. Elliott was made the recipient of a purse of gold from the members of the Guild.

Miss Beatrice Doty and Miss Bernice Binnigan of Bellingham are visiting in Victoria and are guests at The Angela.

Miss Charlotte Clayton of Vancouver is visiting in Victoria as the guest of her mother, Mrs. A. E. Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Van Roggen of Vancouver are spending the Christmas in Victoria as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nichol, Foul Bay Road.

Mr. F. M. McGregor Jr. is home from Vancouver to celebrate his golden wedding with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. McGregor, Granite Street, Oak Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Taylor and Mr. Bruce Lowe, Oscar Street, are visiting in Vancouver as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Dearing, with whom they spent Christmas.

Mr. C. B. McAllister of Vancouver came over from the mainland this afternoon on a visit to his brother-in-law and sister, Colonel and Mrs. Lennox Irving, Foul Bay Road.

Mr. Fred Miller of Los Angeles, Cal., is spending the Christmas season in Victoria as the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Miller, Denman Street.

Col. and Lady Kathleen Villiers and Miss Helen Villiers, who have been guests at Government House for a few days, left this morning for their home at Cumberland.

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Gallon and Mr. Alan Gallop of Victoria also spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Anderson, West Sixteenth, Vancouver.

Miss Lillian Michaels of Seattle, spent Christmas Day with her mother, Mrs. G. A. Michaels; McClure Street, returning to the Sound City yesterday evening.

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His Honor and Miss Mackenzie Among Guests at Dinner Yesterday Evening

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie were among the more than 600 guests at the Empress Hotel yesterday evening, the number indicating the increasing popularity of the custom of celebrating the festive season at a public hotel rather than at home. The revellers were so numerous that the Tudor grill was pressed into service to accommodate the diners, and the parties varied from the large family gatherings to the smaller, more intimate tables for two.

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THE BOAR'S HEAD

Following this little ceremony the guests repaired to the dining-room for dinner, a quartette of waiters in Elizabethan costume, Mrs. Josephine Wood, Miss Merle North, Frank Tupman and Frank Smedley, heralded the entrance of the yule log, which was followed by an attendant in Tudor costume, and placed in the Tudor fireplace.

BUFFET DISPLAY

The appetites of the guests were whetted by a buffet of hors d'oeuvres, cold sandwiches displayed at the entrance to the dining-room. This collation, a triumph of culinary art, represented the work of Jean Frisch, chef de cuisine at the hotel and included: Cold British Columbia salmon Parisiennes, Miss Evelyn Rice, Miss Dennis, Miss Thomason, Miss Margaret Lougheed, Miss Leigh, Miss Lillian Christine, Hon. MacKenzie, Brigadier-General H. N. MacKenzie, Major J. S. Donald, O.M.C. (Montreal), Major J. Lyons, M.C.; Colonel H. T. Goodland, Dr. C. M. Bernard, Mr. Gordon McLeod, Dr. J. A. Stewart, Mr. C. Myddleton Evans, Mr. J. P. Babcock, Mr. E. C. Nicholas, Mr. E. McMullen, Mr. F. Nation, Mr. H. B. Thomas and Capt. W. H. Moison, M.C.

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Fourteen Children in Halifax Family Consume 2½-Pound Turkey at Meal

Twelve Dozen Eggs in Festive Pudding; Nine Quarts of Milk a Day

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 26.—The Christmas spirit was radiant yesterday in a big white house on Chestnut Road, where a family of fifteen boys and girls of T. J. Wallace began to assemble at the sparkling tree that brushes the ceiling in a spacious living-room. They were all there, from Tom Jr., twenty-two years old, to little Louise, the three-year-old baby of the family of seven girls and seven boys.

Besides being a season of unequalled warmth, Christmas presents a dilemma in permutations to the Wallaces, for each of the fourteen sons and daughters makes it a point to present a gift to each of the brothers and sisters. But the problem was well solved yesterday. Out in the yard, overlooking the Northwest Arm, one detachment of boys skated on the ice. On an adjoining pond another group of boys and girls exhibited their accomplishments on skates. In the living-room a daughter of the family explained the intricacies of a new game to little brothers, and across the hall Mrs. Wallace, the cook, of Arctic fame, and Neil McNeil of Toronto, was heating an athletic daughter at ping pong. Quietly studious before the fire was young Dan, the second son, a senior at Dalhousie University, who went out on the Northwest Arm one day last summer and won the senior inter-collegiate and national swimming championships of the Maritime Provinces.

Dan is slated for next year's Diamond Sculls competition at Henley. Incidentally, he is the inter-collegiate light heavyweight boxing champion of the Maritime Provinces.

"Statistically," Tom Wallace Jr. chucked, "well, we had a twenty-five-pound turkey, and you can see what is left. This year last year the dozen eggs were into Christmas cooking, and we have not any trouble accounting for nine quarts of milk a day. Another little matter we have to deal with is water. Our rate runs around \$24 a year, compared with the average five or six, and when it comes to income tax and exemptions, I usually find the department owing me money. Then

there's transportation. In the garage I have a car, a truck, a boat, a motorboat. Starting off in the morning, we make six stops at different schools, including St. Mary's College, Halifax Ladies' College, and Dalhousie University—it's a great life and a lot of fun."

Just then the youngest Wallace of the family, a boy of ten, came in from an afternoon walk. Accompanied by a brown teddy bear of about his own height and reach. And the father of the Wallaces had no more attention to pay casual visitors.

Quiet Wedding Solemnized At Alberni Church

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Skulday, December 20, at All Saints' Church, Alberni, B.C., when Katherine E. Marshall, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Marshall of Alberni, bride, late of Kamloops, was united in marriage to Reginald Clegg of Chemainus, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Clegg, Temperley, Cheshire, Rev. R. D. Porte officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Capt. H. M. T. Hodgson, wore flat crev with deep collar and cuffs of cream and small felt hat to match and carried a bouquet of bronze and gold chrysanthemums. Miss Eileen Plummer acted as bridesmaid, wearing lawn tweed with brown hat and little Miss Susan Anketell-Jones of Chemainus, was the dainty flower girl in a frock of salmon pink. Yukon gold was used in the rescue recently of two survivors of the Burke party. ("Outside" to the native means all country beyond the Yukon.)

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CALLED ITALY'S FAIREST

INDIANS THINK WHITE WOMEN ARE TOO THIN

Joe Walsh, Hero of Burke Rescue, Tells of Yukon Ideas of Beauty

Vancouver, Dec. 26 (By the Canadian Press).—The Indian trappers of the Yukon would award no beauty prizes to the slim or even moderately plump women of fashion from other parts of Canada, but rather invite them to the north where they might acquire a few more roundness.

"What for, all women him so thin outside—no grub? Why he no come in here. Lots of caribou and moose. Him get fat," a red-faced native questioned as he poured over the fashions depicted in a magazine supplied to him by Joe Walsh, veteran Yukon fur-trapper of Prince Rupert, who was in the rescue recently of two survivors of the Burke party. ("Outside" to the native means all country beyond the Yukon.)

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Jubilee and St. Joseph's Observe Festive Season With Special Fare and Music

Every effort was made to bring the spirit of Christmas cheer into the hospitals of the city yesterday, generous friends of the institutions assisting the staffs in helping to dissipate the atmosphere of suffering for the festive season, and by means of colorful decorations, greetings both choral and verbal, and an abundance of Christmas fare and gifts, brightening the lot of those whom sickness kept from their own firesides.

GAILEY AT JUBILEE

Pasteons of holly and greenery, and church bells galore lent a colorful note to the wards and corridors at the Jubilee Hospital, and everything possible was done by the staff to bring the real Christmas spirit into the proceedings. On Christmas Eve, thirty-five of the nurses proceeded through the corridors and various wards singing carols, one of the nurses also singing solo hymns which were much enjoyed by the listening patients.

After their procession around the hospital, the nurses repaired to the nurses' home, where, in the huge lounge specially decorated with greenery and scarlet bells, they held an enjoyable party. Santa Claus himself distributing gifts to each girl from the huge, illuminated Christmas tree. A special luncheon was served with turkey, Christmas pudding, mince pie and the other good fare associated with the season was served to the nurses, after which they waited on the patients, who also enjoyed a special menu.

GUESTS OF LO.D.E.

The patients in the tubercular wards, as usual, were the special guests of the Florence Nightingale Chapter, LO.D.E., at dinner, all gathering in one ward for the festive occasion, gifts being presented to each patient. The exchange was made more enjoyable by the presence of Capt. George Black, Superior, who accompanied the nurses.

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AT ST. JOSEPH'S

The joyous spirit of Christmas pervaded St. Joseph's Hospital on Christmas Eve, finding a gracious welcome in the gaily-decorated hallway where wreaths, festoons of greenery, Christmas bells and miniature trees were to be seen. All the wards and various departments had their own special decorations. The Christmas tree for the staff and the sisters was placed in the community room, and brilliantly lighted, held a gift for everyone connected with the hospital. The gift for the assistant nurses was set up on the stage of the auditorium, and the other nurses' home. The three wide steps to the stage were covered with brightly wrapped parcels, and to the left of the tree just showing at the side of the deep red curtains stood a large three-tier Christmas cake, marvelously decorated and inscribed with a Merry Christmas to the Nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital.

The dinner for the staff and nurses was made by Mrs. Angus Campbell, whose generosity in past years has been similarly expressed and warmly appreciated. An enormous box of candy, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. F. Watkins, was among the presents.

MIDNIGHT MASS

At midnight in the hospital chapel, which was decorated very beautifully with white chrysanthemums and carnations, high altar and pulpit with a myriad of tapers. Mass was celebrated by the chaplain of the hospital, Rev. Father Sobry, and through the open doors of the chapel the Christmas carols and the music of the mass, sung by the sister choir, could be heard in the hallways and in many of the patients' rooms.

At 7 o'clock on Christmas morning, according to the hospital tradition, the nurses sang Christmas carols through the corridors. Each breakfast tray for patients was decorated with a tiny chrysanthemum, and bore a special greeting card from the staff and signed by Sister Superior.

Christmas dinner was served, and in the late afternoon Bishop Murray officiated at Benediction in the chapel, when service special music had also been prepared.

May and Mrs. Anscomb called at the hospitals on Christmas Day.

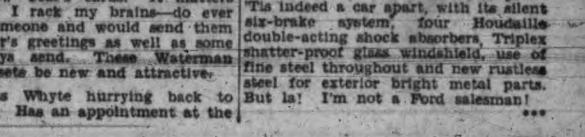
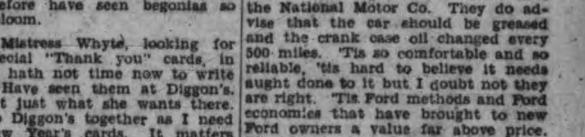
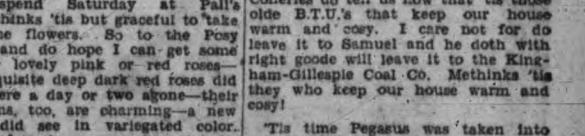
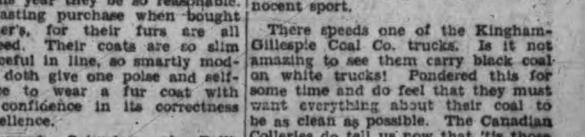
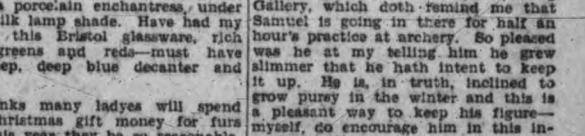
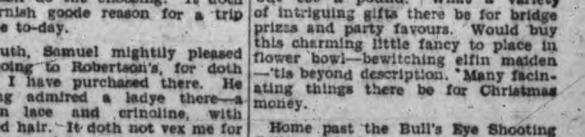
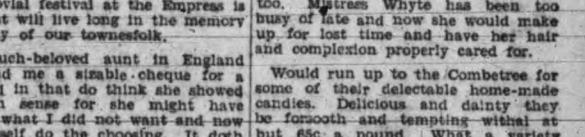
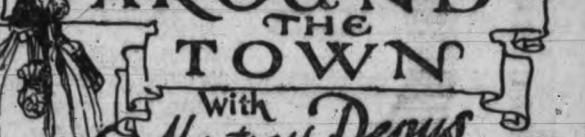
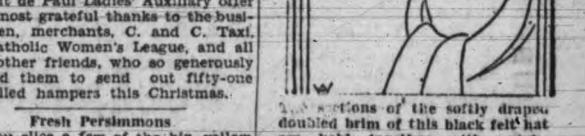
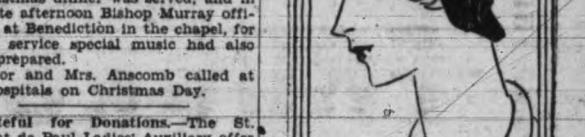
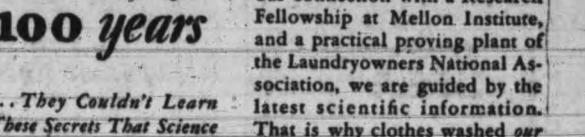
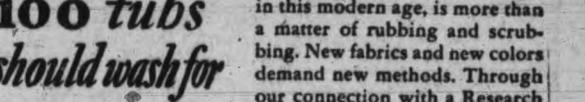
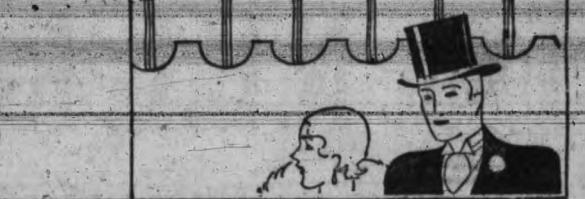
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The St. Vincent de Paul Ladies' Auxiliary offer their most grateful thanks to the businessmen, merchants, C. and C. Taxi, the Catholic Women's League, and all their other friends who so generously enabled them to send out fifty-one well-filled hampers this Christmas.

Fresh Persimmons

If you slice a few of the big, yellow persimmons and serve them with cream, they make a delicious dessert.

Sections of the softly draped, doubled hem of this black felt hat are held together with elastic stitching. A tiny white feather bow is caught up over the left temple.



"SANTA CLAUS" RADIO MESSAGE CAUSES STIR

Vancouver Man Answers Little "Pat" Renahan's Appeal

Four N.H.L. Records Broken As Teams Engage In Scoring Orgy

THE SPORTS MIRROR

Willie Kelsay, Dean of U.S. Jockeys, Riding at Agua Caliente

Arsenal Being Criticized for Adopting Third Fullback Policy

Third Fullback Formation Is Reply to New Offside Law

Howie Morenz Started His Hockey Career as Goal-tender

DURING the running of the eighty-two-day meet at the Agua Caliente track, which opened yesterday, one of the finest jockeys ever developed in the United States, Willie Kelsay, will be riding. The veteran reinnerse, now dean of all major pilots of thoroughbreds, has enjoyed one of his best seasons. In the employ of the late Gifford A. Cochran, the crack jockey succeeded in landing some of the richest prizes of the season, including the Hopeful Stakes at Saratoga, which he won with Epithet.

This season on the circuit Kelsay has ridden a total of fifteen winners, giving him third place in winning mounts behind Sonny Workman and Charlie Kurtsinger. Kelsay will be remembered as the jockey who steered Sasin to the wire in the first running of the Crofton Handicap. Kelsay was the first one to realize that W. T. Allen, who had been racing in Calais, and assisted greatly in the development of this "cot." Kelsay was denied the honor of riding Calais in his supreme triumphs, owing to injuries that resulted in his absence for more than six months from the saddle. Kelsay staged a comeback, and it was his mount in the final race that won the Pinhook Futurity for the crack Tijuana development, Flying Heels.

Arsenal, who have been setting a fast pace in the First Division of English Football Association this season and are in the race at the present, have drawn the ire of many Old Country critics through their adoption of a third full-back policy. The Athletic News, famous British sports newspaper, has the following to say:

"The Arsenal may be setting a bad example by adopting the third full-back policy which is here rightly condemned, but copyists should note that Arsenal can play two games and are adapting themselves to conditions."

"They probably are temporary tactics adopted to get the best out of the particular talent at their command, and out of Lambert (centre-forward) in particular."

"Throughout the recent controversy concerning what was wrong with modern soccer as a spectacle, little or no attention was given to the fact which many clubs are making of what is known as the 'three-half-back' formation, and it has needed the heavy defeat of the Scottish League eleven to emphasize its futility."

"A noted Scottish half-back once expressed the opinion that real football was 'attack from the goalkeeper onwards.' This is a form of attack, but the centre-half stays near his back, however, does not subscribe to that dictum. Rather it is a policy which, by adopting purely defensive methods, hands the initiative over to the other team."

"The one-time pivot of the team ceases to function as such, with the result that greater responsibility is cast upon the wing half-backs and not infrequently the full-backs are seriously hindered."

"At the same time such an exaggerated importance is given to the opposing centre-forward that the most modest of leaders would be inclined to think that the wing half-backs are overworked, and the attack, lacking proper support, is a negligible quantity."

"It is any wonder there is a lack of team work among the Swanside players?"

"This 'three-half-back' formation is apparently the reply to the recommendations of the offside law, and seems to suggest that the simplicity with which the one-back manoeuvres could be exploited in early post-war football brought a type of full-back into the game who, when called upon for different methods, has been proved to be much below the standard of previous years."

"The game's decline as a spectacle has been attributed, in turn, to the sacrifice of science for speed, the amended offside law, and the W formation."

"It is not generally known that Howie Morenz, the centre-line man for the Montreal Canadiens and at present leading the scorers in the National Hockey League, was once a goalkeeper. Many years ago Morenz was playing for Mitchell, his home town in those days, against Stratford Juniors. Howie wasn't much of a success as a goalkeeper otherwise the great winter passes were made by him. Finally, he became a colorful and brilliant forward line player. As a master of fact in the game against Stratford he let twenty-two goals get by him, his team being beaten 22 to 2. Thereafter Morenz played on the forward line."

"A hockey partnership that lasted several years has been broken up by the trading of Harold Darragh to the Boston Bruins by the Philadelphia Quakers. Darragh and Hib Milks have been broken."

Detroit Falcons Turn On Toronto For 10 To 1 Win

Falcons Give Brilliant Exhibition to Score Most One-sided Victory of Season; Boston Bruins Turn Back Philadelphia 8 to 0; Quakers Take Exception to Drubbing and Turn Game Into Donnybrook; Major Penalties and Fines Come Thick and Fast; Rangers Beat Ottawa 4 to 1; Americans Win Over Maroons 2 to 1; Race Tightens Up.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 26.—Christmas proved anything but merry for three of the four Canadian teams in the National Hockey League. Montreal Maroons, Toronto and Ottawa participated in yesterday evening's four-game schedule and all three were defeated. Montreal Canadiens did not play and perhaps thanked Santa Claus that they didn't.

Goodfellow Now Leading Scorer In Major Hockey

Leaders in the various departments of the National Hockey League were announced to-day as follows:

CANADIAN SECTION

Team—Canadiens, played 14, won 8, lost 4, tied 2, 15 points.

Most points (goals and assists)—Morenz, Canadiens, 13 goals, 3 assists, 16 points.

Most goals—Morenz, 13.

Most assists—Primeau, Toronto, 7;

Most penalties—Joliat, Canadiens, 45 minutes.

Most shutouts—Worters, Americans, 5; Chabot and Grant, Torontos, 5.

AMERICAN SECTION

Team—Boston, played 16, won 10, lost 4, tied 2, 22 points.

Most points (goals and assists)—Goodfellow, Detroit, 14 goals, 5 assists, 19 points.

Most goals—Goodfellow, Detroit, 14.

Most assists—Boucher, Rangers, 9.

Most penalties—Shore, Boston, 72 minutes.

Most shutouts—Gardner, Chicago, 5.

LIONS AND BUCKS PLAY TO A DRAW

Vancouver Holds Lead in Coast Hockey By 1 to 1 Tie With Portland

Brennan Misses Golden Opportunity to Win Game as Overtime Period Ends

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MONROE'S UNDERSTUDY

Once again "Les Canadiens" have swept to the leadership of the Canadian division of the National Hockey League with a brand of fast, clever hockey. In the person of Howie Morenz, the "Flying Frenchmen" have one of the speediest men in the game but, despite his speed, Morenz has looked as good, if not better, in the middle of the second line as a playmaker has developed a quick, tricky style that brings him in front of the opponents' net before the opposing defense has a chance to realize the play. Morenz has been a生 of his teammates, and they wagged a war of the words in the game, but his understudy, Pete Lepine, has looked as good, if not better, in the middle of the second line as a playmaker has developed a quick, tricky style that brings him in front of the opponents' net before the opposing defense has a chance to realize the play. 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Arsenal Gains Undisputed Lead In English First Division

Defeats Manchester City 4 to 1 and Shatters Deadlock

Takes First Place in Senior Football League by Victory; Tied With Sheffield Wednesday Who Were Idle Yesterday; Blackburn Takes Hard Fought Match From Derby County 1 to 0; Leading Second Division Clubs Beaten; Notts County Suffers Second Defeat of Season.

Canadian Press

London, Dec. 26.—Most of the soccer clubs in the English League were in action yesterday. In the First Division the Arsenal, by getting the majority of points for beating Manchester City by 4 to 1, took the lead in the championship table, breaking the deadlock with Sheffield Wednesday, who were idle.

A great battle was fought out at Blackburn, where Derby County bowed to the Rovers, who scored the only goal of the game. At Upton Park, West Ham United won from Portsmouth in a heavy-scoring match by 4 to 3. Aston Villa traveled to Stamford Bridge and defeated Chelsea by 2 to 0.

Leading clubs had a bad day in the second division fixtures. Everton, pace-setters, suffered a 2 to 1 defeat of their clash with Bury, while Walsall Albion had to divide the points at Barnsley. Tottenham Hotspurs were soundly trounced at home by Southampton, while Preston North End were nosed out at Burnley. Wolverhampton Wanderers were conquerors at Oldham.

In the southern section of the third division, Notts County suffered their second defeat of the season, Queen's Park Rangers trouncing them by 4 to 1.

In Scotland, Motherwell beat Partick Thistle somewhat easily at Firhill by 3 to 1.

Results follow:

ENGLISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION

Birmingham 0, Leeds United 1.

Blackburn Rovers 1, Derby County 0.

Blackpool 2, Sheffield United 1.

Bolton Wanderers 3, Manchester United 1.

Chelsea 0, Aston Villa 2.

Grimsby Town 0, Liverpool 0.

Manchester City 1, Arsenal 4.

Sunderland 2, Leicester City 5.

West Ham United 4, Portsmouth 3.

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley 4, West Bromwich Albion 0.

Bradford City 2, Stoke City 2.

Burnley 1, Preston North End 0.

Bury 2, Everton 2.

Millwall 1, Bradford 1.

Middlesbrough Forest 1, Reading 1.

Oldham Athletic 2, Wolverhampton Wanderers 0.

Port Vale 1, Charlton Athletic 1.

Swansea Town 5, Bristol City 2.

Tottenham Hotspurs 1, Southampton 3.

THIRD DIVISION

Southern Section

Brentford 5, Crystal Palace 2.

Bristol Rovers 3, Brighton and Hove Albion 3.

Coventry City 3, Bournemouth and Bournemouth 3.

Cowdenbeath 3, Thame 1.

Exeter Town 3, Torquay United 1.

Newport County 4, Exeter City 0.

Norwich City 2, Clapton Orient 0.

Queen's Park Rangers 4, Notts County 1.

Southend United 2, Northampton Town 1.

Swindon Town 4, Fulham 1.

Walsall 2, Watford 2.

THIRD DIVISION

Northern Section

Accrington Stanley 3, Wigan Borough 0.

Chesterfield 4, Wrexham 0.

Crew Alexandra 6, Barrow 2.

Doncaster Rovers 0, New Brighton.

Fir Park Town 1, Hull City 1.

Hartlepool United 4, Nelson 0.

Rotherham United 4, Tranmere Rovers 6.

Southport 4, Rochdale 0.

Stockport County 3, Gateshead 1.

York City 4, Carlisle United 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION

Morton 4, St. Mirren 2.

Partick Thistle 0, Motherwell 3.

Queen's Park 4, Ayr United 1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bradford Northern 14, Keighley 2.

Bradley 8, Barrow 15.

Castlefirth 7, Featherstone Rovers 0.

Dewsbury 0, Wakefield Town 12.

Huddersfield 6, Halifax 3.

Leeds 8, Bradford 6.

Leigh 3, Wigan Highfield 5.

Salford 5, Broughton Rangers 0.

St. Helens 7, St. Helens' Reds 6.

Warrington 31, Widnes 9.

Wigan 51, Rochdale Hornets 5.

York 2, Hunslet 8.

RUGBY UNION

Bridgwater 14, Treorchy 5.

Glasgow Academicals 26, Kelvinside Academicals 4.

Llanelli 24, London Irish 3.

Royal High School 16, Edinburgh 0.

Swansea 19, Watsonians 9.

London Scottish 14, Edinburgh Academicals 10.

Cardiff 20, Old Merchants Taylors 3.

Cross Keys 12, London Welsh 17.

The match originally was planned for December 26, but was delayed when Levinsky became ill.

King Levinsky Is Matched to Meet James J. Braddock

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—King Levinsky, the former fish peddler of Maxwell Street, and James J. Braddock, hard-punching light-heavyweight from Jersey City, have been signed for a ten-round bout in the stadium January 12.

The match originally was planned for December 26, but was delayed when Levinsky became ill.

For health, convenience and economy in transportation costs, ready for next year, to ride a MASSIVE NUMBER or BSA Bicycle. We have the finest selection on the market. Terms.

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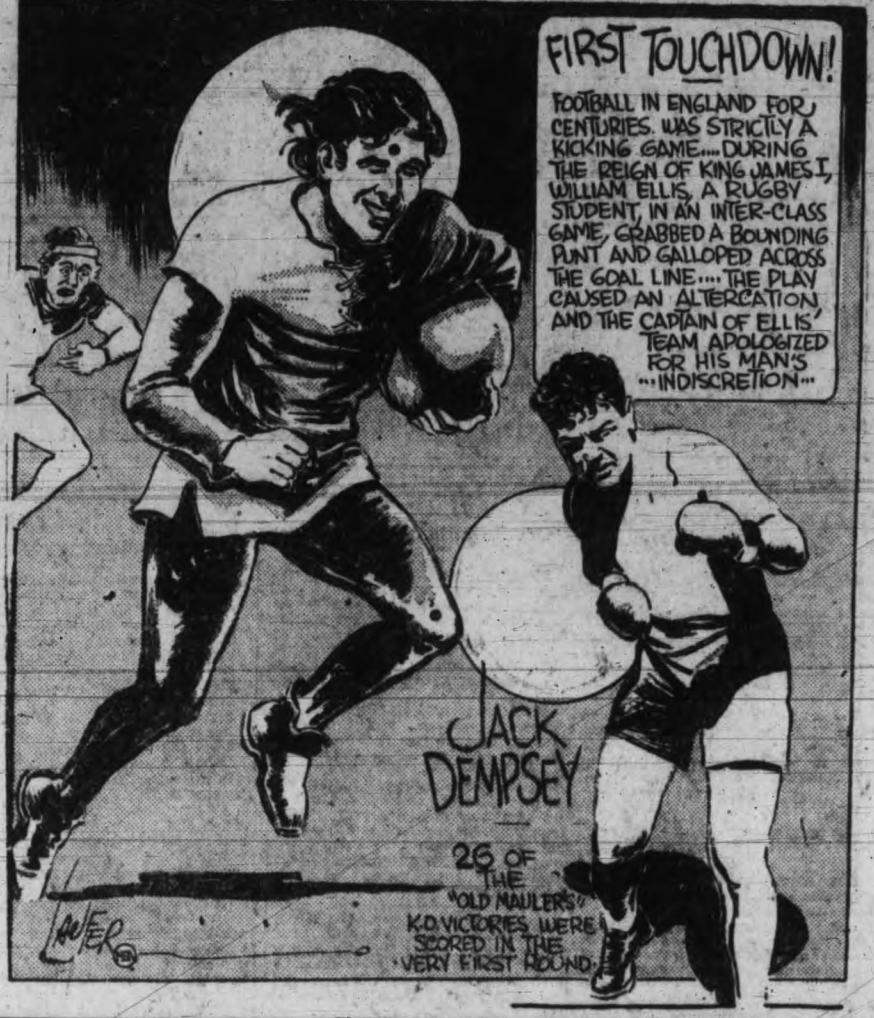
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Brushing Up Sports By Laufer



DUNCAN WIN MATCH FROM LOCAL JUNIORS

Up-islanders Score 3 to 1

Victory Over All-stars in

Exhibition Soccer

Hockey Schedule For This Evening

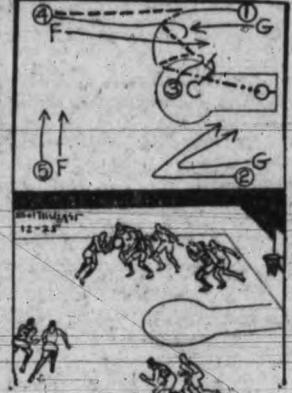
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

LONDON AT WINDSOR

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

TACOMA AT SEATTLE

Many Combinations From Simple Play



By SOL METZGER

Basketball is a progressive game.

A coach will start with a simple play and add to it until he has various combinations of passes and drives.

This is the idea of Dutch Lounsbury,

western coach, one of the smartest

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He believes that basketball is a

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Finest quality B.C. Granulated Sugar

10-lb. cotton sack 63¢
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DRINK COCOMALT
A delicious food drink with chocolate flavor—
1-lb. tin for 57¢
5-lb. tin, special, per lb. 37¢

SOAP SPECIALS

P & G White Naphtha Soap, special at 5 bars for 22¢
Royal Canadian Soap, special 22¢
Old Dutch Cleanser, special at 3 tins for 29¢
Jax Soap Flakes, special, per packet 18¢
2 lb. 35¢

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SPECIALS

Quaker Brand Peas, No. 2 tin, size 3, special at 17¢
3 tins for 50¢
Quaker Brand Tomatoes, No. 2 tin, special at 14¢
3 for 40¢
Quaker Brand Corn, No. 2 tin, special at 15¢
3 tins for 43¢
Lobby's Spinach, No. 2½ tin, special at 19¢
3 tins for 55¢

PROVISIONS

Finest quality New Zealand Butter, special, per lb. 38¢
3 lbs. for \$1.10
Selected Creamery Butter, special, per lb. 38¢
3 lbs. for \$1.05
Pure bulk Lard, special, lb. 20¢
3 lbs. for 58¢
Bakeasy and Domestic Shortening, special, per packet 18¢
2 packets for 35¢

DAIRY FLOUR SPECIAL

B & K Pastry Flour, 10-lb. sack, extra special at 47¢

DELICATESSEN SPECIALS

Australian Evaporated Apricots, special per lb. 17¢
3 lbs. for 50¢
2 lbs. for 81.30
Del Monte Crushed Pineapple, special per tin 25¢
Libby's Asparagus Tips, green or white, No. 1 square tin, special at 25¢
2 tins for 75¢
Libby's Ripe Olives, per tin 23¢
2 tins for 45¢

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Stock Up After the Holiday at These Saving Prices

Note the Values—Shop Early

Orders Carried to Your Car Free

Two Extra Specials, 9 to 11 a.m. Only

Tes. No. 1 Ceylon Pekoe (limit 4 lbs.) 25¢
Per lb. 95¢

Sliced Pineapple, No. 2 tins, per tin 9¢
King-Beach Peaches, No. 2 tins, per tin 19¢
Jell-O, 4 packets for 24¢
Mac's Best Tomatoes, nove in tin, 2 large tins 25¢
Heinz Tomato Soup, per tin, 9¢

B.C. No. 5 Peas, 3 tins. 23¢
B.C. Green Beans, per tin. 10¢

Quaker Choice Corn, 2 tins 25¢
Bovil, 2-oz. 34¢
4-oz. 6¢

Hudson's Bay Back Bacon, sliced, per lb. 39¢
Economy Side Bacon, sliced, per lb. 39¢

Butter—"Anchor" Fancy New Zealand, 1 lb. 36¢
3 lbs. for 1.05
Sunlight Soap, carton 19¢
Hartley's English Marmalade, 1-lb. jar 35¢
Black Currant Jam — Broder's per tin 43¢

RED RIBBON BEEF

Sirloin and T-bone Roast, per lb. at 39¢
Sirloin Tip and Aitch Bone, per lb. at 28¢
Wing Loin and Rumps, per lb. at 24¢
Prime Rib Roast, per lb. 24¢
Thick Rib per lb. 18¢
Plates and Briskets, per lb. 12¢

PORK

Legs and Loins, per lb. 30¢
Shoulders and Sides, per lb. 22¢

LAMB

Legs, Loins and Fillets, per lb. 38¢
Shoulders and Ribs, per lb. 22¢

—Lower Main Floor, HBC

HBC Quality Meats

CARRY AND SAVE

Carry and Save Meat Section

4,000 lbs. Choice Roasting Beef. Shoulders of Veal, Pork and Lamb. All at per lb. 20¢

500 lbs. Roast of Lamb, Veal and Briskets, at per lb. 12¢

—Lower Main Floor, HBC

Saturday Bargains in the Drug Section

Liquid Petroleum, regular 75c, per liter 39¢

Epsom Salts, regular 15¢ 9¢

Giant Toilet Tissues, regular 10¢, 6 rolls for 43¢

Nujol, large, regular \$1.00, 89¢

Hind's Honey and Almond Cream, regular 50c, for 43¢

Olive Oil, regular 25¢ 19¢

Seddits Powders, regular 25¢, 19¢

Peroxide, regular 25¢, 19¢

—Main Floor, HBC

WANTS AUDIT ON FUND FOR UNEMPLOYED

Minister of Labor Denies Money Is Being Used For Other Purposes

Claiming that all funds granted to British Columbia under the Unemployment Relief Act are being used for the purpose intended and not for the purpose of making up deficits in the provincial treasury, Hon. W. A. McKenzie, Minister of Labor, has asked for an auditor to confront statements attributed to William Hanbury, member for Burrard.

Mr. McKenzie has sent the following telegram to Senator G. D. Robertson, Federal Minister of Labor:

"Understand from Vancouver press that member for Burrard, Mr. Wilfred Hanbury, has wired Premier Bennett to the effect that funds allocated for relief purposes are being diverted to other purposes of idle deficit. This statement entirely untrue. Comptroller-General of this province certifies that funds authorized by Federal Government and by Provincial Government for relief purposes are being properly and legitimately used for relief purposes. In view of these allegations, I would appreciate your appointing an auditor from this Government to investigate all unemployment relief fund expenditures participated in by both governments, and to satisfy yourself as to the system adopted here in administering the funds."

No newspapers were issued yesterday or today.

Local Fresh Pullet Extra Eggs, special, per dozen 35¢

North Star Side Bacon, sliced, per lb. 43¢
Our Special Side Bacon, sliced, per lb. 42¢
Sliced Peameal Back Bacon, special per lb. 43¢
Sliced Ayrshire Roll, special, per lb. 58¢

DELICATESSEN SPECIALS

Mild Ontario Cheese, special, per lb. 24¢
Prime Ontario Cheese, special, per lb. 38¢
Chateau Cheese, per lb. 35¢
Sliced Spiced Ham, special, per lb. 50¢
Sliced Chicken and Ham Loaf, per lb. 45¢
Home-made Potted Beef, per dish, 200g 39¢
Sliced Cooked Ham, special, per lb. 58¢

TEAS AND COFFEES

Special Broken Orange Pekoe, served in our Restaurant, per lb. 55¢
Mild Orange Tea, the latest, per lb. 29¢
3 lbs. for 85¢

Chateau Cheese, per lb. 35¢
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Overcoats

Values to \$27.50
Marked Down to ... \$16

Blue chinchillas, Meltons, velours, Barrymore and fancy tweeds. Every one is a desirable pattern and color. The Overcoats are smartly tailored, in single and double-breasted styles and are art silk half lined. Sizes 35 to 46.

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All hand-tailored Overcoats of the finest fabrics that the markets can produce—Carr's Elysiums, Meltons, Scotch tweeds, velours, and Camotex overcoating cloths. Single and double-breasted models. Sizes 35 to 44.

Men's Suits

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All pure wool fabrics, in medium and dark shades. Tailored in smart single and double-breasted styles. There are models to fit men of every build, and seldom can you look at such a selection and exceptional values as you will find in this group of Suits. Sizes 35 to 46.

Men's Mackinaws

Fancy overplaids in pure all wool mackinaw cloth—rainproof and windproof. Tailored in the Norfolk style, with shawl collar and belt. Sizes 36 to 46. Values to \$7.50; for per pair.... \$2.95

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Well-made Trousers with extra strong pockets, lockstitched seams and unbreakable buttons. Tweeds, serges and moleskin cloths to choose from, in blue, grey, brown and fancy mixture patterns. Sizes 30 to 44. Sale price, \$1.00 per pair.... \$2.95

—Main Floor, HBC

Men's Oxfords
Regular \$5.00 a Pair
Marked Down to ... 3.95

Smart black and brown Calfskin Oxfords, suitable for both business and young men. Made in full and medium toe lasts, with welted soles and rubber heels. Regular \$5.00. Sale price, per pair.... \$3.95

2,000 Reprint Copyright Novels at 79c Each

A fine selection of popular Reprint Copyright Novels by the best-loved authors. Specially priced at ... 79¢

—Book Shop, HBC

For Week-end Specials in Our Quality Food Market See Page

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Other Stores at Winnipeg, Yorkton, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Nelson, Vernon, Kamloops and Vancouver.

Year-end Sale of Ready-to-wear

Charge Customers Kindly Note

All purchases made Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 27, 29, 30 and 31, will be charged on next month's account, payable in February.



COATS

at Clearing Prices

There are many different styles—all new and attractive—belted and wrap-around models with semi-fitting waistlines and in new lengths. They have handsome fur collars and cuffs of sable, muskrat, ginnet and mountain beaver and they are fully lined and interlined. Materials are of imported tweeds, velours and broadcloth. There are styles suitable for small women, average women and also for the extra large sizes.

Values to \$35.00	\$19.75
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Second Floor, HBC

Model Hats of Fine Soleils and Fur Felts

Reduced to \$5.95

These are taken from our stock of much more expensive Hats and are made with every detail finished in the very latest manner, workmanship and style—many of them being careful copies of French creations. In a lovely selection of colors and in black. Reduced to



Clearance of All Dress Hats at \$3.95

Velvets, chenilles with velvet, velvet with satin, satin with velvet—all new styles, in black and all winter colors. Priced at



100 New Style Felts at \$1.00

Black and colors, in small and medium sizes. Each, at



—Second Floor, HBC

Sale of Girls' Fur-trimmed Coats

Regular to \$17.50
Marked Down to ... 11.75

All our girls' finest quality Tweed Coats are included in this one-day sale—fine imported novelty tweeds; also navy chinchilla with fur collars and all-wool broadcloth with luxurious collars of mandel fur and mountain beaver. Nicely lined and interlined. Sizes for 8 to 14 years. Regular to \$17.50, for

—Second Floor, HBC

Sale of Women's Footwear

Women's Street Shoes

Values to \$5.00
Marked Down to ... \$2.95

We are offering several smart lines in Women's Shoes, including smart styles in straps and ties, in brown and black kid and patent leather. Choice of Cuban and Spanish heels. Values to \$5.00. Sale price, per pair.... \$2.95

Women's Overshoes

Values to \$2.95
Marked Down to ... \$1.69

Now is the time to prepare for rainy days when you will need protection from wet feet and consequent colds. These are light-weight all-rubber Overshoes in beige, blue and grey or fawn and brown. Values to \$2.95. Sale price, per pair.... \$1.69

—Main Floor, HBC

Now, when savings are most appreciated and every fashion-wise woman is anxious to add to her wardrobe with the least possible expense, we present this timely event. Coats, Frocks, Evening Gowns and Millinery are all offered at extraordinary reductions. The sale starts Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Be early for best choice.

Smart Silk Frocks 9.95

Values to \$16.95



A good assortment of new, up-to-date Frocks for misses and women. These exemplify many new features, such as cowl necks, Russian tunics, etc. There are flared and pleated skirts. Shades of wine, brown, green, guardsman blue, rose-beige and navy, besides a good number in all black. Sizes 16 to 42.

Travel Tweed Frocks

Values to \$29.50
Marked Down to ... 17.95

Smartly tailored in new styles with coatee and contrasting vestees. The new skirts are in grouped pleats and flares and these Frocks show the normal waistline and hipped yokes and basques. Shown in a variety of small patterns of Travel Tweed silk. Sizes 16 to 40. Special

\$17.95

Year-end Clearance of Evening Frocks

They feature the new long lines. In crepe-back satin, moire, flat crepe and Celanese taffeta. Low-cut necklines, softly draped, some with cape collars and ornamental bows. The long skirts have even hemlines. These charming Frocks are mostly in the new soft pastel shades; also in white and black.

Values to \$19.50
Marked down to ... \$11.95

Values to \$25.00 .. \$14.95

Values to \$29.50
Marked down to ... \$16.95

Values to \$29.50
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New Sports Frocks Special For \$4.95

A special bargain in Sport Frocks of silk and wool mixtures with grouped-pleated skirts. You will like the smart necklines and the trimmings of contrasting colors, buttons, etc. Colors are brown, navy, green, red, powder and grey. Sizes 16 to 20 and 40 to 44.

\$4.95

—Second Floor, HBC

Small Women's Rayon Knit Suits

Regular \$3.95
for

\$2.00

Imported Suits in fine rayon knit with borders of colored stripes, V neck and ribbed cuffs. Colors are blue, rose and gold. Sizes 14 and 16. Special price

\$2.00

—Second Floor, HBC

Year-end Sale of Children's Wool Pullovers

Regular to \$2.95
Marked Down to ... \$1.79

Fine imported wool Pullovers with polo collars, Crewe or V necks in powder, sand, green, navy, white and heather mixtures, in solid colors; also with contrasting stripes. Sizes for 8 to 14 years. Regular to \$2.95, for

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—Second Floor, HBC

Boys' Gradster Overcoats 8.95

Regular \$10.95
Marked Down to

All pure wool tweed overcoating cloths in grey, brown and Lovat shades. Smart double-breasted styles with half belt. Sizes for 14 to 18 years.

\$12.95

Boys' Gradster Overcoats

Values to \$8.95, for \$6.95

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Hall, 8 to 12. Evelyn Holt's orchestra. Refreshments.

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Salesman

TRADE THREAT SEEN IN NEW CHINESE TARIFF

Advance Averaging 5 Per
Cent on All Goods Will Be
Effective February 1

Washington, Dec. 26.—Promulgation by China of a new tariff with generally higher rates is expected soon to bring about a general increase in the cost of living among business men, lest the increases, taken in connection with the drop of about 50 per cent in the price of silver, make trade with China more difficult.

Government experts believe that the projected higher rates may force foreign companies to move their manufacturing operations in China along lines developed two years ago when the Chinese tariff was last revised upward. This would mean more growing of tobacco and manufacture of cigarettes by companies in China. Shipping companies are also concerned over the prospect of increased trade difficulties.

According to official advice the new tariff was adopted at a secret session of the legislative Yuan on November 29 and unofficial reports indicate that the new rates will go into effect on February 1.

AVERAGE RATE INCREASE

It is understood that while a number of articles considered essential to the development of China will be exempt from import duties, the schedules as a whole will average 5 per cent higher, the advances ranging from 2 1/2 to 33 per cent.

Tariff autonomy for China was agreed to by the United States in a treaty concluded in July, 1928, it being stipulated that the United States should have most favored nation treatment. Other nations followed with similar action, although Japan did not agree to tariff autonomy until it had received a promise that only certain definite rates would be levied.

The Sino-Japanese agreement is about to expire, but it is understood the new tariff will substantially accord with the agreement, so that there will be no extensive cause of contention between the two countries over it.

State department officials declined to discuss to-day the negotiations over the gradual relinquishment of extra-territorial rights in China by the United States. The American proposals to end them were submitted last month and commercial principles were received from China last Monday. It is understood that the two governments are some distance apart on details and that considerable time will be necessary before a complete agreement is reached.

MISSIONARIES LIVES
UNCHANGED

The department has been informed by Consul General Ballantine at Canton that letters from missionaries at Hankow, in Hankan Island, said an attack by Communists on the town and their evacuation of missionaries might be necessary. There are thirty-six Americans at Hankow and the South China patrol is sending a destroyer there. A British destroyer is also being sent there.

After the Chinese Nationalists are endeavoring to stamp out communist depredations in the Yangtze Valley. Frank P. Lockhart, Consul General at Hankow, informed the State Department that Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, who is at Kuling, has offered a reward for the capture of four bandits who are operating in Kiangsi Province and has ordered the dismissal of the trial of Gen. Teng of the new Thirteenth Division of the Nationalist Army for failure to carry out an order to advance against a Communist army which recently occupied Kianfu in Kiangsi.

Sez Hugh:



Uncle Ray's Corner

The Return of the Sun

IN THE Bible we find the story of the Return of the Prodigal Son, but to-day I want to speak of the return of the sun in the sky.

We see the sun rising December, but the days are short. Up to December 22, the daylight becomes less and less, losing a minute and a half each day. If that kept on, there would come a time when darkness would be with us all the time, with only the stars and moon to light the sky.

People in olden times watched the days become shorter and shorter, and when they thought on the subject, they wondered whether all the daylight would go out of the sky. Each year, however, toward the end of December, they noticed that daylight had begun to gain over darkness. Daylight was lasting a minute or two longer each day.

This is known about that the time near the end of December was used for rejoicing by people of olden times. The ancient Romans called their feast the "Saturnalia."

Two thousand years ago, there lived in Britain tribes of people who followed the religion of the Druids. The Druids were priests, and they seem to have taught that the sun was a god or god-power. A white ox was sometimes killed when they gathered for a sacred meeting.

Very near that end of December, and we may picture them at dawn:



Druids watching rising sun in late December

stretching out their arms to the rising sun.

Christmas has taken the place of the old-time December feasts once held in Europe.

It is a strange fact that while we are beginning to gain daylight, the people living south of the equator in Africa, South America and Australia, have begun to lose it. If you were visiting Chile or Argentina for example, December weather there might be like June weather in North America.

The months of January and February are the hottest months of the year in Argentina.

To-morrow—A Little Saturday Talk.

Uncle Ray

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Admirals Road, Victoria, B.C.
Alan Albert Coles, 331 Arnot (5).

Avenue, Victoria, B.C. (F).
Frederick Harry Waters, 516

Admirals Road, Victoria, B.C. (5).
Norma McKerns, 645 Michigan Street, Victoria, B.C. (8).

Big Mineral Output Shows Low Earnings

British Columbia's Mines in 1930 Increased Production of All Metals Except Copper, Report By Provincial Mineralogist Shows; Value of Minerals Average Nineteen Per Cent Below 1929; Dividends Estimated at \$11,000,000 by Minister of Mines.

Increased production of all minerals except copper and coal, realizing returns of \$35,164,515, marked the mining activity of British Columbia during 1930, according to a report compiled by John D. Galloway, mineralogist, and filed with Hon. W. A. McKenzie, Minister of Mines.

The summary indicates that, but for the world-wide collapse in prices in all metals except gold, the gross value of all minerals produced in British Columbia would have been worth \$65,245,433, or \$13,080,238 above the amount

declined 27.5, 26.4, and 22.8 per cent respectively.

Development of mineral properties in British Columbia during 1930 was at a somewhat decreased rate as compared with the last three years. Mr. Galloway commented that the big falling off in development had been due to the poor financial condition of the province, financed by public subscription to small local stock companies. Except under special conditions, no incentive exists at the present time to develop properties carrying values in silver, lead and zinc; in fact, many such properties with development rights have been equipped with modern-type concentrators and closed down, as it is impossible to mine and sell lead and zinc concentrates at a profit at present prices.

The main mines of the province have continued production and in some instances have increased their outputs. Some new mines have commenced production.

During the last three years, development has indicated that a number of properties were likely to become producers in the near future. Mr. Galloway reported that five of these were brought into production since December 1929, but abnormally high metal prices and the uncertain future outlook for improvement had stopped certain of these enterprises and caused capital to look more for high-grade properties than before. He did not expect the industry would do much more than hold its own, so far as metal production was concerned, until prices improve.

The resident engineers in all districts reported a prospecting activity, particularly energy attaining the search for new-grade mineral properties. Substantial success has already attended this prospecting campaign, and a number of the new discoveries have been optioned by large operating companies and are being actively developed.

The following summary of mining activity was given in Mr. Galloway's report:

Description	Production, 1929	Estimated Production, 1930			
		Quantity	Value	Increase	Decrease
Gold, placer, on land, lode, on	6,983	\$118,711	9,109	\$154,700	\$35,989
Copper, lode, on	142,378	\$3,904,410	154,000	\$3,183,457	-175,058
Gold, lode, on	9,400,200	11,500,000	9,400,200	11,500,000	0
Copper, lode, on	101,482,857	18,375,662	92,000,000	11,928,722	-6,450,935
Lead, lode, on	302,348,288	15,289,652	320,000,000	12,665,120	6,686,962
Zinc, lode, on	11,200,000	2,000,000	11,200,000	2,000,000	0
Coal, tons (2,400 lbs.)	2,251,252	11,256,250	1,787,600	9,200,000	1,000,000
Structural materials	3,921,768	3,400,000	3,400,000	521,768	521,768
Miscellaneous minerals and metals	1,772,945	925,000	925,000	0	0
Total	168,245,446	\$35,164,515	113,080,928		

The bulletin estimates the tonnage of ore mined and treated in the province in 1930 as 6,600,000 tons, compared with 6,977,681 tons in 1929.

The general trend of the market during the year is estimated at \$6.25 a ton as compared with \$7.35 a ton in 1929. This drop of fifteen per cent in the value of the ore reflects the effect in the aggregate of the lowered prices prevailing during 1930.

The prices of silver, copper, lead and zinc in the aggregate, however, were up in 1930, compared with 1929, than in any previous year in history. This condition resulted in the closing down of a number of mines in the province, where it was impossible to continue production without making an operating loss.

MINES SUSPEND

The first mines to feel the effect were small silver, lead, zinc producers, particularly in the Slocan district. Toward the end of the year the Copeland Mountain Mine of the Grasby Company, an important copper producer, was forced to close. Operations were also suspended by the Bremner Metal Mining Company at the Mount

Arch, mainly because of the desirability of conserving ore reserves.

As compared with 1929, the average prices of silver, copper, lead and zinc

were commenced from the Prosperity, which were continued steadily through out 1930. The Portor-Idaho was also brought into production.

The Pioneer mine, in the Lillooet division, is an old one, but, as a result of capable management, is now entering the best part of its career.

B.C. Dried Apples Undersold in Germany

By Nova Scotia

Vernon, B.C., Dec. 26.—Bulmans

Limited, dehydrators, have received a

letter from a firm in Hamburg, Ger-

many, to whom they shipped a car of

their standard grade dehydrated apples,

The agents complimented them on the

quality of the apples, but said that be-

cause of the low price of dried apples

in Germany, they were unable to com-

pete with them.

It is recognized that distilled water

is slightly acid in nature, but that

ordinary tap water is usually slightly

alkaline. If water contains too little

salt material in solution, it deprives

the cells of their salts; if it contains

too much salt material, it is irritat-

ive to the skin.

Strong acid substances burn the

skin, whereas weak acid substances

have an astringent effect.

Burns by acids occur constantly among people

who work with them, such as plum-

bers and workers in galvanizing and tin

plate work.

While water is a natural substance

it is not necessarily safe to drink.

It is generally recognized that

surgeons and nurses, working with

strong antiseptics, containing mercury

and formaldehyde, have severe irrita-

tions and eruptions of the skin.

It is also known that when working

with phosphorus, matches used in

making matches, and automobile

batteries are charged, and in farming

and in gardening. Various prepara-

tions for preventing moths from enter-

ing furniture and woolens include

mercury.

One of the most common irritants

is arsenic and its compounds.

Irritations are seen particularly among employees

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Alexandria, Ont., Dec. 26.—Fire Chief Seger and three of his brigadiers today were nursing injuries received while they were fighting a stubborn blaze which caused \$12,000 damage in the general store of D. E. Markson here Christmas Day. Chief Seger suffered fractures of two ribs when the floor gave way and fell into the basement. The injuries of the three brigadiers are of a minor nature.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Times staff wishes to acknowledge with thanks a box of holly from P. B. Pemberton.

Louis F. Wethoff, former member of the Mildred Page Players, which played stock in Victoria several years ago, is at the Dominion Hotel to-day, registered from Brooklyn, N.Y.

In the mail received at the Victoria post office on Tuesday there was inclosed an envelope containing some money, marked: "Miss Yvonne Rose from her grandfather and grandmother." The sender or the addressee are asked to call at the postmaster's office to establish their claim to the letter.

Donations received direct by Fred Langberg, treasurer of the Christmas Chest Fund, at 737 Fort Street are as follows: Anon. \$2; Mrs. M. B. At, per Radio Station CFCT \$6.46; Bamforth employees (B.C. Cement Co.) \$1.17; Mr. Ward and Son (per Mayor Anscomb) \$2; J. C. and A. C. of Qualicum (per Mayor Anscomb) \$5; Friend of Mayor (per Mayor Anscomb) \$12; Victoria Burns Club \$20; R. D. MacLachlan \$2; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Rees \$5; F. C. E. C. and C. C. \$3.

**MAKES MODEL OF
"TILLICUM" FOR
PLACE BY "GJOA"**

**World Girdling Victoria Canoe
Earns Status with Famed
Vessels**

Reflecting the wide publicity earned for Victoria by recovery of Captain Voss's famous world navigating canoe, "Tillicum," Ernest Maunder of St. John's, Newfoundland, is constructing a model of the vessel, to be added to a collection which includes Capt. G. C. "Spray," Capt. Amundsen's "Gjoa."

Mr. Maunder informed George J. Warren, publicity commissioner, of his labors when writing in appreciation of photographs of the Tillicum, sent him in response to a request some weeks ago to Mayor Herbert Anscomb.

Many sorrowing friends attended the funeral services for the late Miss Molly Malone held this morning at 11 o'clock at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel. Canon A. E. de L. Nunns officiating. The pallbearers were: Charles Hudson, F. G. Stewart, W. J. McEachern, S. W. J. Davis and W. H. Burroughs. The remains were forwarded this afternoon to Woodstock, Ont., for interment.

The remains of the late Michael Finney, centenarian and pioneer, were laid at rest in Ross Bay Cemetery this afternoon. The cortège left Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel at 1 o'clock and Rev. Father Lettoms conducted the solemn committal services at the graveside. The pallbearers were: P. L. O'Connell, F. I. Doherty, F. Sere, N. McDonald, E. Martin and Joseph Finn.

Simple services were held this afternoon over the remains of Elizabeth Russell, widow of the late John Russell, Rev. A. Hamre officiating at the Thomson and Fetterley Funeral Home at 10:30 o'clock. Interment was in the family plot in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The death occurred on Wednesday afternoon at 11:44 Esquimalt Road of Rachel Annie Yates, aged forty-two years. She was born in Manchester, England, and had been a resident of Victoria for the last eight years. She is mourned by one sister, Canon Cooke, and brother-in-law, Canon Cooke of Victoria. The remains are resting at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Canon Stockwell will officiate, and interment will be in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The death occurred yesterday of Elizabeth Grace Wolff, widow of Ernest Wolff, of 518 Ritter Street, aged eighty-eight years. The late Mrs. Wolff was born in Cowley, England, and died at this age thirty years ago. She is survived by eight daughters, Mrs. P. Criddle, Victoria; Mrs. Swanlin and Mrs. Snider, Vancouver; Mrs. Mifflin, Seattle; Mrs. R. Smith, Prince Rupert; Mrs. Rowlands and Mrs. Fleming, California; Mrs. Fraser, Ketchnikan, Alaska; and two sons, E. A. Wolf, Tex. City, and L. A. Wolff, Victoria. Services will be held Saturday at 3 o'clock from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel. Rev. A. de B. Owen will officiate and interment will be in the family plot in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of John Niven Oldham, who passed away in this city on Sunday, was held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the S. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home. Many friends were present, and during the service Rev. Arthur D. Smith, "Abide With Me," Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott officiated and interment was in the family plot at Royal Oak Burial Park. Members of the Masonic Lodge No. 60, A.F. & A.M., attended the service, and at the graveside the Masonic band served.

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Three persons were injured in a Seattle collision.

HIT BY TRAIN

Fatal injuries were received by Ben Scholten, Walls Villa, when his car overturned on slippery ice. On the way to the hospital, North Saanich, he met death at a railroad crossing when he was hit by a silk train.

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**TROOPS PATROL
BURMA REGION**

Rangoon, Burma, Dec. 26.—British forces here are patrolling the country, proceeding from the home of Her daughter, 720 Wilson Street, to St. Andrew's Cathedral, where mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. Rev. Father C. E. Evans will be the celebrant. Interment will be in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of James Finney took place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Thomson and Fetterley Funeral Home. Rev. H. P. Luttrell of St. Paul's, Fetterley, officiated and interred. The funeral was under the auspices of St. Andrew's Lodge, A.F. & A.M., who attended in a body, to pay its last respects to a departed brother. Many floral tributes covered the casket and hearse. The hymn song was "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Abide With Me." Mr. Lester Parrott read the Masonic funeral service at the graveside, and the pallbearers were: Bro. A. C. McGregor, Bro. William Jefferies, Bro. E. Burritt, Wor. Bro. George Taggart, Rev. James Ford, Wor. Bro. Robert Morrison. Interment was in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

There passed away this morning at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Richard William Robbins, aged seventy-two years, of 2033 Foul Bay Road. The late Mr. Robbins was born in England and had resided in the province for forty years. He is survived by wife, Mrs. Robbins, and three sons, J. M. at home, and F. J. and R. S. Robbins of Aberdeen, Washington. The remains are resting at McCull Bros. Funeral Home and will be forwarded later to Seattle for cremation.

The death occurred on Wednesday evening at the Royal Jubilee Hospital of Sarahena Victoria-Montoro, aged sixty-eight years, of 1264 Denman Street. The late Miss Montoro was born in Victoria and is mourned by two

**SANFORD EVANS
IS WORKING ON
FRUIT REPORT**

**Commissioner Expects to
Have Complete Recommen-
dations For Legislature**

W. Sanford Evans, well-known Winnipeg economist and special commissioner, appointed to investigate the B.C. fruit industry and interrelated conditions, is in the city working on the report he will present to the Provincial Legislature, which opens on January 27. Mr. Sanford Evans expects by the latter part of next month to have his complete report on the production, marketing, handling and transportation, costs and prices of the industry, and his recommendations which are expected to prove of benefit to the fruit growers of British Columbia.

The districts in which the commission operated were the Okanagan, Kootenay and Kettle River areas.

Evans is to have a hearing on December 29 to receive evidence concerning the pulp-growing industry the commission spent months taking the evidence of all the producers and a most comprehensive report will be the outcome.

Since the commission terminated its hearings and issued its preliminary report, Mr. Sanford Evans has spent much time in framing his recommendations.

He was among the guests who spent the Christmas holidays at the Empress Hotel and expects to remain in the city for several weeks.

**Tell Mr. Bennett,
Placards Appear
In Montreal Now**

Placards bearing in large bold letters the words "Tell Mr. Bennett" are now appearing in Montreal, according to George Mowat, former Vice-Chancellor, who has returned for a visit here after having been engaged in the manufacturing business in Quebec.

"Merchants are putting these placards in their store windows, and it is not clear who is responsible for the distribution of the signs," said Mr. Mowat.

"Some of the signs are put up by

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Apple Prices Now Tumble in England Says Board Buying Keeps U.S. Wheat Up

Apple prices have cracked in England, according to the following cable received by the B.C. Department of Agriculture from here from its markets representative in London:

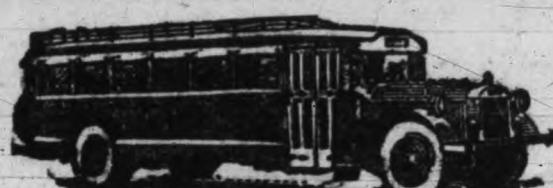
"Auction returns Manchester, Jonathans fancy 10s. 6d. to 11s., C grade 9s. to 9s. 6d.; McIntosh and Delicious C grade only, both 9s.; Glasgow, Oregon Newtowns, fancy and extra fancy 10s. and 11s.; Winesapse 8s. 6d. and 10s. and 11s.; Liverpool, Lancashire in line very weak. London Jonathans, fancy and extra 9s. and 11s.; Winesapse same grade 9s. and 10s. 6d.; Newtows same grades 9s. and 10s. No return, but hear unofficially red apples holding. Weakness caused by over supply. Newtows and all auctions report passing northward off. Believe shipments west coming in of 177,000 boxes at Atlantic ports had demoralizing effect. Would appear Americans worse sufferers."

DRIVER LOSES LIFE

Moose Jaw, Dec. 26.—The body of Colin C. Johnston, twenty-five, was found on a road near Moose Jaw yesterday. His motor truck had skidded and rolled over.

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\$140,000,000 Loan Is Oversubscribed By Australia

Canadian Press

Grenoble, Australia, Dec. 26.—The final figures for the Commonwealth's great \$140,000,000 loan conservation operation reveal the loan was oversubscribed by the public of Australia to the amount of \$25,000,000.

The proceeds are being used for the redemption of Commonwealth and state securities.

Canada Northern Power Earnings Reach New Peak

Gross monthly earnings of Canada Northern Power Corporation Limited, a subsidiary of Power Corporation, reached a peak for all time in November when the figure of \$283,695 was established, representing an increase of \$10,761 over the corresponding month of 1929.

The net increase for November amounted to \$13,450 being largely attributable to the coming into operation during that month of the new mill of the Dome Gold Mine.

FARM BOARD CZAR TURNS VERY ANGRY

Washington, D.C., Dec. 26.—Chairman Legge gave the lie to a critic who charged that the Farm Board "deliberately maintained" present low prices of wheat and cotton, then sold domestic wheat at 30 cents above those of the world markets were an unmitigated liar, with my compliments; that no such statement has ever been made by a member of this board and no statement that has been made could be so construed."

"We can tell Mr. Simpson, or any higher authority he sometimes quotes as a source of his information, that such a statement is just as untrue as it is unmitigated liar, with my compliments; that no such statement has ever been made by a member of this board and no statement that has been made could be so construed."

MOVE PRICE AT WILL

The Farmer's Union official, giving Senator Thomas of Oklahoma, as the source of his information, said the chairman told a recent closed session of the Senate Agriculture Committee, that the board, through government sponsored co-operative, could raise or lower prices of wheat and cotton at will.

Regarding the present contrast between domestic and world wheat prices, the chairman said if the present continued at the present rate, the country "will be at an import parity within a short time."

Dairy Corporation Enters Toronto

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Through the absorption of Canada Dairies Limited, the Dairy Corporation of Canada is entering the Ontario market along with three other powerful milk distributing organizations, says The Toronto Globe. Canada Dairies is a combination of seven dairies acquired two years ago. Dairy Corporation originated in Edmonton, Alta., and has since spread to Winnipeg, Montreal, Hamilton and other eastern Canada cities.

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"As of the same date current assets of the company totaled \$138,030,444, and certain liabilities, including all accrued items of interest and taxes, wages, accounts bills and notes payable totaled \$67,510,667. This gives a net of \$70,519,677. Of the current assets finished metals, carried at current market price or less totalled \$88,211,488. Manufactured products based on metals priced at cost or market whenever lower \$21,382,357.

ANACONDA PRODUCING COPPER AT GROSS COST OF 8.63 CENTS POUND

New York, Dec. 26.—Statement issued following the directors' meeting of Anaconda says:

"Anaconda owns the lowest cost production in the industry. Actual operating costs of production of electrolytic copper in October, the latest month for which detailed figures are available, were \$8.63 per pound, or

one cent normal capacity, carrying all shut-down expenses of non-operating units maintenance fixed charges and overhead, but before depreciation, interest and taxes, was 7.1-8 cents a pound.

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Seven For a Secret

By MARY WEBB

"We said it. 'Tis as good as done," repeated Robert Rideout. And he walked heavily across the kitchen to look on the dresser for the pen. The letter must be final and conclusive. It must damn him past argument. And he must write it now.

To die for a man he detested!

Yet Gillian loved the man.

When rebellion fired his mind he reached for the pen. He dipped his pen in the ink and began. He must end his death at the door of conscience. That was it! He had murdered Alice Johnson in the little gylant, and then he could not bear it, because she haunted him. He forced his imagination into the recesses of her murderer's mind. She had been quite alone when scenes of her crime practically snowed up, might easily be baited by his crime until he became almost insane and was driven to suicide. It haunted Robert to be mixed up with such morbid, deathly things. But there was worse to follow.

Why did Robert Rideout murder Alice Johnson?

"Well, now that's a poser, that is!" observed Robert.

He looked at the window, draped with snow. At the clock. At the fire. "Oh, dang it! Why did I?" he asked in a tone of despair.

He pulled himself down off his arms and groaned. Then, with a cold, drawn face, he wrote the letter. He called to his aid the impersonal artist in him, and he made the letter a masterpiece of remorse and revelation, fear and cunning. It made him feel despicable. When he had finished the letter he went out into the welter of snow, and put his head under the water of the pump.

The snow stopped on Tuesday morning. On Tuesday night the wind veered to the south. A sweet wind blew from the inn to the farm.

The late Mrs. Gillian lay in his mother's little plot, three feet of snow. Black pits and crevasses began to show on the moor. The rustling thunder of snow sliding from the trees sounded at short intervals with the imperious tumult of a landslide.

The snow had stopped. Robert was over. With clapping silver flight the plowmen went to the dark, rich ploughlands. The roads, Robert judged, would be passable to-morrow. The gun stood ready in a corner. The letter lay on the table.

After the feelings and aftertaste of weeping down, Robert sat down with a pipe to watch for the lights at the "Mermaid's Rest." He had not been able to see them before, but now it was clear weather again. There they were! Calm, golden lights, beaming on others, not on him. Tender lights of a home that had not yet been their blessing. That was something. In the dream night of hatred and pain gleamed, and it was he that was going to keep them alight.

So, with lamp and fire for company, he sat all night, waiting for his last dawn.

CHAPTER XXXI

While Robert made for her the sacrifice of a life, Gillian lay in her bower, the thoughts of Gillian Lovken on the sign of the Maiden where the yellow lamps were shining, but not love? Was her heart blind and deaf that she did not see and hear the agony of the man who loved her? Was the stream of self-sacrifice for her that she did not see? In her dreams, she was losing the glow of life! Hark! hark! how the hours toll! Slowly time drops away. Slowly above the dark earth she loves opens Eternity. It is 5 o'clock in the morning, and already, awake at the keep, the wife of the house with tremulous steps, road-to-day looks out of her window into the wild, dark, rainy morning and goes downstairs to get her husband's breakfast. And as soon as her cart comes in at the farm gate, Robert goes out through the gate of silence.

Is Gillian Lovken asleep? The inn, dimly seen in the distance, is silent. Only the bats squeak. The windstraws whisper sadly by the door, and what is Gillian's life but a windstraw with no sap of love in it? Down in the gylant the south wind laments, and from the hidden moorland comes a ceaseless roar like the roar of silence.

Poor child, are you still asleep while the best of life goes by? Have you

forgotten Mr. Gentle? Have you lost no intuition of your share in the crime of Ralph Elmer—the crime which began long before he ever saw the unkind place which began when he took a woman for his mate out of fear of Pringle and of gossip, which continued when he married her, and then the compulsion of Isabell mingling deceit and cupidity and passion? And in that crime, as in her dealings with Emily and Mr. Gentle and the cones, Gillian Lovken's share was that she thought only of herself. She married herself. She denied Robert for all that she could have had with him, that she should be sounding creature, simple, like a nestling bird with pinions folded, the real breathing soul of a man, she never knew it, but filled her hands with useless gifts instead.

Gillian! Do you hear the shot which will sound in so few hours from Dwygwfaw's gun? Not that white, for she should be sounding creature, simple, like a nestling bird with pinions folded, the real breathing soul of a man, she never knew it, but filled her hands with useless gifts instead.

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Dorothy Dix

What Would Happen if We Had a Tax on Kisses?
Would It Add Piquancy to the Stolen Kiss
And to the Conjugal Kiss That Has Become a
Duty, or Would It Abolish Kissing Altogether?

ACCORDING to newspaper reports the German Government is considering putting a tax on kisses as a means of raising more revenue. On the sound economic principle that excise taxation should be laid upon luxuries and not upon necessities, this is a good idea, and doubtless it will meet with great favor with the middle-aged, married class, who will feel that the one thing they can cut down on easiest is desperation. The young may not take so kindly to the measure, but, then, luxury taxes are never popular, anyway.

One sees, however, many difficulties in enforcing such an excise act. To begin with, who would write the tariff bill and set the price on kisses—old grey-beards to whom a kiss has become nothing but the touch of cold lips on other lips that are just as chilly? Or young men to whom a kiss is hooch and pep and thrills and a little bit of Heaven? And shall a man pay just as much for kissing his Aunt Jemima as for kissing his sweetie?—And shall the girl with a provocative Cupid's bow mouth, who was necessary before the crime of the kiss, be assessed for her share in it, or shall the man be the one who pays and pays and pays?

Also, how can the revenue from kisses be collected? Shall the matter be left to a man's conscience and honesty? Or shall he write down the number of kisses in his little daily expense book after each petting party? Will there be sleuths and spies hidden around in romantic nooks keeping tab on amorous couples? One shudders to think of having to add a few million kisses more expense to one's income return, and one is filled with shame to think of the emotional poverty that would be revealed if one was altogether exempt from the kissing tax.

Then there is the difficulty of fixing a market price on kisses. This will call for expert classification, for it would be as unjust to put the same value on all kisses as it would be to put the same value on all diamonds or all potatoes. Some are intrinsically worth more than others. You get more kick out of having them and you just generally crave one more than the other.

Class A would, of course, be the Romantic Kiss, the kiss exchanged between youths and maidens. What is that worth? There was a time when it was a first edition, so to speak, when it was a gift a girl saved for her betrothed, and then it was worth almost any price. But of late years there has been such an overproduction of kisses by young women that the price has sunk to a dozen, or even more, for fifty cents, or the price of being taken to the movies.

In fact, kisses have become the legal tender in which girls pay for attentions from cheap young men who give nothing for nothing, and they are so far below par that it is difficult to put any real value upon them. Still, for all that they are flavorless, having neither love nor romance in them, they should bring in a good revenue to the Government because they are so numerous.

Class B would be the Perfunctory Family Kiss, which has about as much allure and warmth as a cold flapjack. Nobody either wants to give or receive one of these, and if they could be taxed out of existence it would be a great relief to all concerned.

Especially would this be an untold benefit to the babies who are the helpless victims of elderly female relatives with false teeth, and cataract, who kiss them almost into insensibility, but who would moderate their transports if they had to pay out cold cash for them.

Class C would be the Conjugal Kiss, the kiss that tastes of ham and eggs and nothing else, and that is usually bestowed by a man hurrying to catch the 8:05 train on the rim of his wife's left ear, or the back of her head, and which she returns with a mouthful of buttered toast and her mind on the grocery order.

Practically any valuation whatever that was put on these daily habit kisses would be far in excess of their intrinsic worth, and it is easy to see that when the average husband and wife sat down together to go over their budget and see where they could cut down expenses, the very first thing they would decide to eliminate would be it or them.

"Why just think," they would exclaim, "we waste all that money on mere kisses! Why, with that we could make a first payment on a new car or get a radio or have a real whoopee party that we would enjoy. I'll say cut out the kisses."

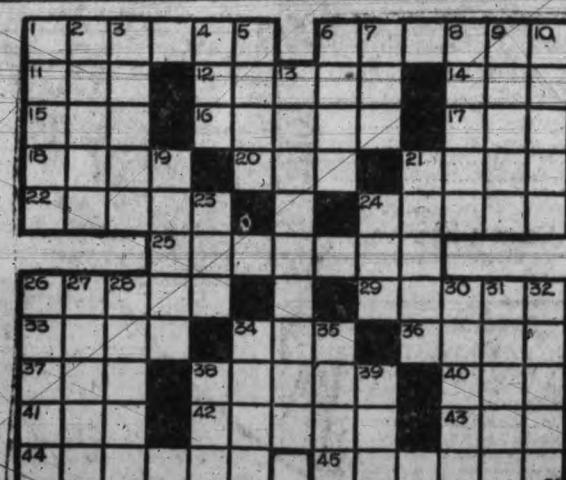
Or, perhaps, so strangely is human nature constituted, if a man had to pay for kissing his wife, as he does for kissing a varan, it might add a piquancy to it that it now lacks; when it is his duty to do it and he might take a pleasure in doing it. If stolen kisses are sweet, why should not highly taxed ones have an equal appeal? And assuredly many a woman would pay any price for her husband's kisses if they only had in them a little of the warmth and passion and love that they used to have.

And so the classification might go on, through the Judas Kiss of those who betray us and the Sneezy Kiss of those who slime us over with endearments before swallowing us whole, and so on. What price these kisses?

But at any rate, the idea of taxing kisses is interesting and leaves us wondering whether it would give us more and better kisses, or if it would stop kissing altogether.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Solution of Wednesday's Puzzle

1 Fight.	40 Sol.
6 Cloth.	41 Unit.
11 Yale.	42 Music draw.
12 Cowboy.	43 Dog as coal.
13 Sooner than.	44 To permit.
15 Noise.	45 Having a large nose.
16 Top milk.	46 Groups of eight.
17 Tablet.	47 Dread.
18 To affirm.	48 Branch.
20 To make mistake.	
21 Festival.	
22 Type of fortification.	
24 Was indisposed.	
25 To throb.	
26 Hut.	
29 To represent.	
32 Dry.	
34 Very warm.	
36 Dismal.	
37 Tennis fence.	
38 Resinous sub-	
40 Laddle.	1 Pinaceous tree.
41 ALoud.	2 Wrathful.
42 PALLET.	3 Surrendered.
43 Toupée.	4 Optical instrument for submarines.
44 ACE.	5 Relish.
45 SPARE.	6 Dug as coal.
46 SPA.	7 Part of a circle.
47 C.	8 Lacerated.
48 ANA.	9 Chasm.
49 S.	10 Center of an amphitheater.
50 HAT.	11 Gnaws.
51 BRIMS.	12 Passage between seats.
52 AWE.	13 Vinegar bottle.
53 ELUDE.	14 Wigwams.
54 C.	15 Wish.
55 TIGER.	16 Rootstock.
56 RAIMOSE.	17 Bed.
57 RACERS.	18 Ingredient of varnish.
58 ROVER.	19 ALONE.
59 RETRAIMENT.	20 RETRAIMENT.

Bringing Up Father—



OUT OUR WAY

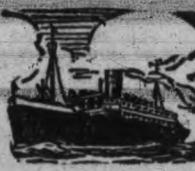


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WOMAN KILLED, TWELVE HURT IN VANCOUVER

Miss A. W. Candlish Dies and Companion Injured By Hit-and-run Driver

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—One woman, Miss Alice W. Candlish, was killed, her companion Mrs. R. A. Connell, was critically injured, and eleven others were seriously hurt in Christmas traffic accidents here.

Victor Paton received a possible fracture of the skull and cuts and bruises when he was knocked down by an automobile at Tynie and Kingsway shortly before 7 p.m. yesterday.

W. B. Houston was struck by hit-and-run driver at Main and Hastings at 7:40 a.m. yesterday. He was removed to the General Hospital suffering from cuts and bruises.

A leg fracture and bruises were received by C. Worrall, who was knocked down by a car at Kingsbury and Carlton Street.

Mrs. George Miller was cut by flying glass when the car in which she was riding collided with the rear of another automobile early yesterday. She was removed to her home.

George Nishimura reported his car had struck a man giving his name as E. Kelly at the intersection of Seymour Street yesterday, shortly after midnight. He told police the man walked against the side of his car.

**PROMOTIONS
MADE BY C.P.R.**

H.M.C.S. Vancouver Off On Cruise Soon

Will Leave Esquimalt Harbor January 26 on Annual Visit to Southern Ports

H.M.C.S. Armentieres Spent Christmas Day Riding the Pacific Rollers

The annual winter cruise of H.M.C.S. Vancouver will commence from Esquimalt Harbor on January 26, according to word reaching the Naval Barracks this morning from headquarters in Ottawa. The cruise this year will last for six weeks, and the destroyer from the local station will visit many ports in California and Mexico. The Vancouver will not join up with the West Indies squadron of the British navy on her coming cruise but will remain on the Pacific.

Her first port of call will be at San Pedro which she is scheduled to reach January 29 and remain until February 5. She is due at Maldonado Bay on February 7 and will then proceed to San Diego. She will leave San Diego March 1 for Esquimalt, reaching her home base March 9.

The Vancouver spent Christmas Day yesterday snugly anchored in Esquimalt Harbor, while her officers and men spent the holiday with their respective families. The officers and men of H.M.C.S. Armentieres, however, were still at sea, serving the Pacific yesterday without wireless half of the trans-Pacific Cable station. In charge of Lieut.-Commander H. W. S. Soulby, the little minesweeper was tossing about on the waves, awaiting a call that may have sent her on some life-saving mission.

"A DIRTY JOB."

At any moment an SOS from some distressed ship in the Straits of Juan de Fuca would bring him on deck, or this mission which is the chief purpose of what is known as the "Bamfield Patrol". Naval men unanimously characterize the patrol as "a dirty job." Several vessels have been lost in its performance, the last of which was H.M.C.S. Thespial, which foundered about a year ago.

Other vessels of the Royal Canadian Navy enjoyed the festivities of the Christmas season in orthodox manner, but only a garland of evergreen swinging from the yards of the Armentieres and sprigs of native pine decorated the masts, rigging and mess decks indicated this particular day as different from any other. Approval of the Canadian naval tradition dictates only one other occasion when it may be used, to ornament the upperworks of a Canadian vessel, and that is when one of the ship's officers gets married.

Armentieres carried a complement of eighteen, but this is also increased on the Bamfield patrol, one junior officer and several ratings acting as minesweeper for instruction. Her accommodation is taxed to capacity, for the net weight of the vessel is only 136 tons. She is 130 feet long, 24 feet wide, two-foot beam and draws fourteen feet. Her armament consists of one twelve-pounder gun and a speed of ten knots.

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